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Hoarding removal starts up at centre

WORK to remove the hoardings around Stourbridge's new £50 million shopping development is now under way as the town's transformation takes a step closer to completion.

Once the barriers have been taken down around the site of the new Tesco supermarket and Crown Centre, landscaping will begin.

While the work takes place, a stretch of Stourbridge ring road will be closed for around a month.

The closure will run until October 4 in the inner lane, from the bend on Bath Road, which is the lay-by near Crystal Leisure Centre to just past the Crown Lane entry onto Bath Road.

Meanwhile, the junction of Coventry Street / Crown Lane will be closed on September 21 from 8pm to 7am while resurfacing work takes place.

It is the final phase of the project which began in March last year.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transportation, said:

"We are now on the final phase of works to completing this multi-million pound redevelopment and I thank everyone for their continued patience during this time."

Vandalised dog moved

A MUCH-LOVED dog statue at Russells Hall hospital has been moved to within the grounds following vandalism earlier this year.

The dog sculpture had been outside the maternity entrance at Russells Hall after being moved from the Castle Hill roundabout. But following vandalism, bosses decided to take away the dog for repair and then place it near the hospital's main reception at Peace Gardens.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "He is in the courtyard next to the hospital's main reception, until we can find him a more suitable home."

NURSES BOOST IN WAKE OF REPORT

AROUND 50 newly-qualified nurses are being taken on by Dudley's hospital trust to boost staffing levels in the wake of a critical report calling for improvements.

It is one of a series of measures outlined in an action plan drawn up by the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust following an investigation by NHS medical director Professor Sir Bruce Keogh.

The Government report highlighted concerns over staffing levels, communication, complaints handling and safety checking at Russells Hall Hospital, and the trust has now responded.

Chief executive of the trust Paula Clark announced the recruitment at a council of governors meeting last week.

Around 50 newly qualified graduates will be taken on this month following completion of their training.

A review has also taken place to ensure nursing staff levels are appropriate for the demands of each shift - with agency workers brought in to supplement numbers if needed.

Members of the committee board were also told equipment and safety checks were carried out daily with an audit also taking place each month. Systems have also been put in place to ensure staff can readily identify patients at risk of developing pressure ulcers so preventative care can take place. And to improve

by Lee Watton

rove response times to complaints, the trust's complaints and Patient Advice and Liaison Service will be amalgamated from next month as part of a restructuring.

An interim quality manager has also been taken on to undertake a review of the incidents process to meet the requirements of the review.

Governor Martin Kendall said: "It shows the report has been considered fully and quick action taken to address the concerns."

A number of measures have been outlined in the action plan, some of which have already been implemented. Miss Clark said although it now formed part of the action plan the trust had intended to take on additional staff before the Sir Bruce Keogh investigation and funding had been put aside for that purpose.

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Specialist bikes are stolen

FOUR specialist bicycles worth thousands of pounds were stolen from a home in the Black Country. Thieves broke into the garage of a house in Cedars Avenue, Kingswinford on August 31 and took the four pedal cycles.

The bikes stolen were a Litespeed Titanium bike; a Cannondale Slice Time Trial bike; a dark metallic grey Trek Grand Tourer; plus a silver brushed aluminium Claude Butler mountain bike. Anyone with information should contact PC Caroline Morris on 101 or information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Love bites for lions in zoo project



Having a laugh - a pair of highly endangered Asiatic lions at Dudley Zoo get together in a hope to boost numbers

MAGNIFICENT lions are welcoming visitors in the West Midlands as part of a new breeding programme which keepers hope will be a roaring success.

The highly endangered Asiatic lions are in residence at Dudley Zoo, in Castle Hill, Dudley, as part of the international project to protect the species which has seen its numbers plummet in the wild.

There are now only 260 of the sub-species known as *Panthera leo persicus* which is native to India's Gujarat State. The lion population has steadily increased in Gir Forest National Park.

Nine-year-old male lion Mwamba arrived at Dudley Zoo from Paignton earlier this summer and has been settling into his surroundings ever since.

It is hoped he will breed with the zoo's female pair Asha and Kyra aged between six and seven, to help with the breeding programme.

Excited

Dudley Zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitchman said this was the first lion breeding programme undertaken by the keepers since their previous pair died around four years ago.

But she says staff were excited to be part of an important scheme. "This is a new breeding group for us and we are very hopeful we will hear the pitter patter of tiny paws very soon," she said.

"These are magnificent beasts and it is such a huge privilege to be part of a global breeding programme."

The animals will live in the one-acre Lion Ridge enclosure wrapping around the zoo's famous Tecton buildings.

And it will be a cavernous diet for the hungry trio who will dine out on meat steaks during their stay at the attraction.

Academy move for schools is completed

THREE schools serving more than 1,000 pupils have joined together to become a single academy to boost prospects for youngsters moving from primary to secondary education.

Bishop Milner Catholic College, in Burton Road, Dudley, together with St Chad's Catholic Primary, in Catholic Lane, Sedgley, and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in Hillcrest Road, Kates Hill, have formed the new institution.

Education secretary Michael Gove gave the go-ahead for the new academy, which will be known as St John Bosco Catholic Academy, to be formed this month.

All three schools will keep their own identities, which are associated with historic parishes in the borough and leading Catholic figures. Each will retain their headteacher, school uniforms and manage their own school budget.

But education chiefs say as an academy they can access extra funding, create a smoother transition between year groups and promote Catholic educational values while still remaining inclusive of all denominations. The academy status means it draws its money from central government.

Heritage to go on show

ATTRACTIONS and historical landmarks in Dudley throw open their doors to the public as part of the annual Heritage Open Day series.

One of the highlights is the Black Country Boating Festival, at Bumblehole Local Nature Reserve in Windmill End, Netherton.

People can also get a look behind the scenes of Dudley Council House on Saturday.

A Dudley Ghost Tour History and Memorabilia exhibition is due at The Station Hotel, in Castle Hill, on Friday to Sunday. For details, log onto www.heritageopendays.org.uk/dudley

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In the pink for sky-high fundraising



Kerry Kilworth, assistant manager

STAFF at Stourbridge's Wilko store took their fundraising efforts to new heights when they held a charity auction for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Residents were invited to the event to outbid each other for a range of high flying prizes kindly donated by local businesses from across Stourbridge.

The 31 lots, including tickets to the West Midland Safari Park, jew-

ellery, wine tasting sessions, restaurant and beauty vouchers, combined with a mouth-watering cake sale to keep the bidders content, raised a total of £850 for the cause.

Team members also got into the spirit by dressing up in Grease-themed costumes to complement the store's 'Summer Lovin' promotion.

Sue Gazey, store manager at Wilko in Stourbridge, explained: "The auction was a great success

and I'm very proud of the effort the team members put in. We're really grateful to our loyal customers for coming down to join in the fun - they've always been a brilliant help with our fundraising events in the past and this time was no different."

Sarah Arnold, corporate fundraising manager at Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "We are grateful to the Wilko store for organising this auction in support of our charity."

Lorry driver dies after metal shutter accident

by Lee Watton

A LORRY driver has died after apparently being crushed by a metal shutter at Dudley's Churchill Shopping Centre.

The tragedy happened at 4.20am on Tuesday, when police, paramedics and fire crews were called to a loading bay at Home Bargains.

Deadline on sport heroes in borough is closing in

UNSUNG sporting heroes now have just until tomorrow to be nominated for this year's Black Country Sport & Physical Activity Awards.

More than 100 athletes, trainers and clubs have been nominated for November's ceremony that will take place at the Copthorne Hotel in Dudley. The window for applicants slams shut at 5pm tomorrow.

Brierley Hill-based Black Country BeActive said it has had more nominations this year than at the same stage in 2012. The awards aim to celebrate unsung athletes, trainers and sport clubs from around the area. Last year, Wolverhampton's Olympic gymnastic sensation Kristian Thomas was a double-award winner.

For those looking to nominate someone for this year's awards each category has a separate nomination form which can be found at the site www.blackcountrybeactive.co.uk.

All nominees must either have been born, live in, or undertake their activity such as playing, coaching or volunteering in the Black Country. For details, contact Jo Taylor on 01384 471139.

The 34-year-old man was found to be in a serious condition and later died.

It is believed the victim, who had not been named at the time of going to press, may have been crushed by a metal shutter at the bay.

Dudley Council refused to confirm any details of what happened until an investigation has been carried out. Officials from the authority were looking into the circumstances of what happened. Police confirmed they were treating the matter as an accident.

Dudley Council said the bay was used by Home Bargains at the shopping centre.

Councillor Tracy Wood said: "Police notified us of a fatality at Home Bargains in Dudley. Our thoughts are very much with his family at this time. As the authority responsible for health and safety in commercial premises we are currently investigating the circumstances of the incident."

Officials at Home Bargains said they were looking into the tragedy and bosses at Iceland, who said it also uses the bay, added they were awaiting 'further details'. Churchill Shopping Centre manager Colin Gazzard would not comment.

West Midlands Police spokesman Gina Lyett said: "We were called out to the shopping centre at 4.20am today to reports at 34-year-old truck driver had suffered serious injuries. We are treating this as an accident and will not be investigating further."

Chaos as vehicle sheds load



Steel sheets scattered across the road after falling off a lorry on the Castlegate island

A LORRY shed its load of metal sheeting causing traffic delays on a roundabout on a main route through the Black Country.

Sheets were scattered around the road at the Castlegate island at the junction of Tipton Road and Birmingham Road, in Dudley, on Friday lunchtime.

Traffic quickly backed up on surrounding roads including Duncan Edwards Way and Castle Hill as the road was blocked at around noon. Cars were unable to use one of the lanes around the island causing chaos as

vehicles had run over them in the aftermath of the incident.

Police arrived at the scene to direct traffic away from the outside line which feeds vehicles into the Castlegate retail and business park outside the Rentokil offices.

Queues around a quarter of a mile long formed down Tipton Road opposite the entrance to the Black Country Living Museum. Cars had to waded past the sheeting as the lorry was forced to pull up in one of the entrance roads to the business park.

Relaunch of scheme to combat revellers

A PUB watch scheme aimed at combating booze-fuelled crime has been relaunched by police in Stourbridge town centre.

Licencees and managers of bars and pubs will be on the lookout for troublemakers and will be in regular contact with the police.

They will be able to warn each other about potential problems caused by rowdy revellers making their way around the nightspots in the town.

Licensing officer Pc Natalie Lees, who has relaunched the scheme, is encouraging door staff of licensed premises to connect to the police 'radio link'.

It will give them access to a radio system linking them to the borough's CCTV control room and town centre police teams. Eleven licencees from premises in the town are members of Stourbridge Pub Watch.

These include Chicago's, The Glasshouse, Edward Rutland, Stourbridge Academy, The Duke William, Chequers, The Swan, The Bell, Moochers, Glass and River Rooms. They hope the scheme will help single out trouble makers and keep them from entering premises in the town centre.

Recruits for firm sought

A TRAINING business is offering a recruitment day for staff for its West Midlands centres.

Juniper, which has its head office in Wolverhampton, is holding the event at Walsall's Banks's Stadium in Bescot Crescent on Friday from 10am to 5pm.

It is looking for training and progression officers to be based at its centres, one of which is in Brierley Hill. The company provides support and training for young people aged 16 to 18 through its XL programme.

Corridors hit by chute fire smoke

THE corridors of a seven storey block of flats filled with smoke after arsonists set a rubbish chute alight.

Cradley Heath fire crews were called to Bredon Court, Halesowen at midnight on Saturday after alarms activated in the building.

Crews extinguished the blaze and used fans to clear the smoke.

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Man, 60, posed on internet as a mother

A 60-YEAR-OLD Aldridge man who posed as a young mother on the internet in a bid to satisfy his sick sexual fantasies has been spared prison.

Keith Franklin adopted the guise of a 28-year-old single mother with children aged four and nine when accessing chat rooms, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last Wednesday.

Mr David Swinnerton, prosecuting, said: "He then conversed with men who would say what they would like to do with 'her' and, most troubling, the children."

Police raided Franklin's home June last year after being tipped off he had been using the website.

They found 297 indecent images of children at varying levels of seriousness on his computer.

Mr Swinnerton said: "He said the images had been sent to him from the chat-room during conversation."

Franklin, from Cliveden Avenue, who was of previous good character, admitted five charges of downloading and possessing indecent images between January 2011 and June 21 last year.

Judge Michael Dudley told him: "This behaviour was out of character although it went on for some time. I am satisfied that this offending was by way of fantasising on your behalf and never became reality."

Franklin was given a supervised three-year community order in which he must complete a sex offender group programme. He was put on the Sex Offender Register and be the subject of a Sexual Offender Prevention Order, both for five years.

Library sale date fixed

LAND to be sold towards a multi-million pound project to build a new library centre in Walsall will go under the hammer September 5.

Plans for Bentley Library have hit a string of problems after a deal to sell land to fund it collapsed. Bentley and Darlaston North ward councillors Rose Burley and Angela Underhill have been pushing for progress.

Parcels of land were put up for sale by Walsall Council to generate cash towards a £2.6 million facility in Queen Elizabeth Avenue.

Woman's Staffie bit towpath walker on leg

A WOMAN has admitted being in charge of a dangerous dog after her pet attacked a man as he walked along a canal towpath in Walsall Wood.

Lynda Macmillan, aged 61, pleaded guilty to being the owner of a dog dangerously out of control in a public place, namely a white Staffordshire bull terrier. Magistrates heard the pet - which had bitten another victim in the past - injured Simon Hayes.

Miss Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting, told Walsall Magistrates Court the seven-year-old dog pulled away from Macmillan, of Camden Street, Walsall Wood, on June 24

and bit Mr Hayes on the leg. "The injured party was walking along the canal towpath and says he saw a female with two dogs," Miss Yeomans said.

"They were a black Staffordshire bull terrier and a similar small white dog."

"As he got to about 50 yards from the female, the dog which was on a lead, pulled away from her towards him."

"The dog ran up to the complainant and bit him on the right calf. He describes being on the ground and being in immense pain."

"He says he shouted at the defendant and she replied 'I'm not going to stay here

while you are swearing' and left the scene. He hobbled home and his son took him to hospital for treatment. As a result of the incident Mr Hayes says he had two weeks off work unpaid, which left him £800 out of pocket," Miss Yeomans said.

She also told the court Macmillan had a previous conviction for a similar offence as the dog had bitten someone in the Devon and Cornwall police area.

Miss Yeomans added: "The police are not asking for the dog to be destroyed, but want the magistrates to consider making a contingency order for the dog to be considered.

This would require it to be kept under proper control and if it isn't then consideration can be given for it to be put down." Under the Dangerous Dogs Act the court is obliged to consider a destruction order as the terrier had caused a physical injury.

Mr David Grice, defending, said: "She didn't walk away as such, but left because the man was swearing, which was understandable. She says she went round the corner and remained there. She asked other people in the area to check if he was okay."

The case was adjourned until September 2 for reports.

Council calls for stronger power to tackle travellers

THE Government is to be asked to consider stronger powers to tackle travellers after dozens of camps have settled in Walsall this year.

Council chiefs are to write to officials over further measures to deal with the issue following a series of problems since January. There have been at least 36 known encampments as convoys of caravans have taken over parks and playing fields for days on end.

The authority has been forced to seek court orders to get the travellers moved on, only for them to relocate to other sites and sometimes even return to the original land they were unlawfully on.

Council bosses are now planning to contact the Department for Communities to see if further powers can be introduced.

New guidelines removing the restrictions on issuing temporary stop notices has recently been issued by the Government. But even tougher steps are wanted to tackle the problem of travellers.

Recent

Council leader Mike Bird said: "Despite the legislation that has been brought in it is still not strong enough."

"Any open space they see they think it is a free for all. Every time we have to remove these people it is costing us money."

Walsall has become a hotbed for travellers, with the problem escalating over the summer. Among the hotspot areas have been Delves Green Common twice to the Broadway West Playing Fields.

The most recent camp has been on the private land at Handsworth Rugby Club, having moved from their previous site just yards away in Walstead Road. They have now moved on.

Council bosses said they have been working with West Midlands Police to put a stop to unauthorised camps in the borough.

The problem started in January when two caravans settled in Goscote Lodge Crescent. Since then they have showed up in Mill Street, Ryecroft, Poplar Avenue, Bentley

Staff ordered them to leave. However, by April they had returned just yards away on to fields off the road - not far from houses and a mosque. The council had to go to the magistrates court twice to move vehicles on.

It was forced to obtain a similar order to move on travellers from Broadway West playing fields in June.

Tributes paid to D-Day veteran



D-Day veteran James Pound

TRIBUTES have been paid to a war veteran who was awarded medals for his part in the D-Day landings in Normandy.

James Pound, who had lived in Aldridge, had been in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was called up during the Second World War, becoming one of the first soldiers to land on the beaches of Normandy in June 1944.

During the D-Day landings, thousands of Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy in northern France at the start of a major offensive against the Germans.

His son James Pound Jnr paid tribute to his 'honest' and 'hard-working' father, who was given six service medals and was one of the founding members of the Normandy Veterans Association in Walsall.

The father-of-three, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer earlier this year, was



In 2008 with a certificate

also the standard bearer for more than 20 years. The 87-year-old, who had lived at Marshall Close and also worked for Aldridge firm S Jones Containers for 30 years, died at Walsall Manor Hospital on May 27.

Around 200 people, including Second World War veterans, attended his funeral service at Streety Crematorium on June 11.

Shrapnel

The Last Post was played during the service and dozens of standards from veteran groups across the country were displayed.

Mr Pound Jnr, aged 60, of Cornwall Road, Stourbridge, said: "In Normandy, he was shot and wounded on July 8, 1944 and he was shipped back to England."

"Whilst in hospital he had 100 pieces of shrapnel removed from his body but some



James Pound inside an armoured vehicle during the war



James Pound, right, meets the Princess Royal

pieces remained in him until he died." Mr Pound, who grew up in Aston, Birmingham, and moved to Aldridge 55 years ago, returned to the armed forces in November 1944 and served in Germany, Egypt and Palestine before being discharged in 1947.

His son added: "My father was one of the first to land in Normandy. He used to say it was hard and terrible. His mates were dying around him. 'I am proud that he fought for this country and it was touching to see so many people at his funeral.'"

"I didn't realise how much my father was liked. He was straightforward and honest. He was hard working."

"He always put food on the table for us." Mr Pound also leaves a daughter, Carol, 50, and another son, Desmond, 55.

He became a widower around 20 years ago when his wife Doreen died, aged 60.

NEWS

in brief

Tesco car wash will create jobs

A CAR wash is planned at Tesco, Littleton Street West, Walsall, creating eight jobs. The hand wash and valeting business would be on the car park.

Waves Consultancy Ltd has put forward the application which includes installing a wash pad and using up to half a dozen parking spaces. Up to eight full and part-time jobs would be created.

The scheme has been lodged with the planning department. Abby Mercer, from Waves, said it was targeted at shoppers rather than passing trade. Tesco spokesman Simon Petar added: "We are delighted to be offering this additional valet cleaning service."

Employees help revamp building

STAFF from Darlaston-based Blakemore Foodservice helped to revamp a building in Walsall which is used to support vulnerable victims of abuse.

Volunteers from the firm, which is part of the Willenhall-based A F Blakemore & Son group, spent four days at the Walsall Street Teams building. The organisation was established in 1999 to support victims of sexual exploitation in Walsall and Dudley.

Louise Wilkinson, from Blakemore Foodservice, said: "The project has helped to improve communication between departments and also boosted morale and teamwork."

Energy team sparks changes

STAFF from an energy company helped to turn a run down site into a sensory garden for care home residents in Walsall.

Ten employees from Southern Electric metering department took a day out from work to transform the space at Saddlers Place care home, which supports people with disabilities.

Kevin Toms, a field collections team manager, said: "We managed to successfully contact a few local firms who kindly donated products to help us with the transformation."

Talent at church

A WALSALL Baptist church hosts a talent show on Saturday with acts lining up for Green Lane's Got Talent. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Admission is £2 for adults and £1 for children for the event in Burrowes Street.

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THE worst result of all, of course, would be for the UK Parliament now to hold a second vote and decide to attack Syria, and for the United States Congress then to vote against an attack. What a lonely little RAF air raid that would be.

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IN THE meantime, you have to admire Syria's public relations operation. In previous wars the Syrians have come across as the Middle East equivalent of the Orcs in Lord of the Rings, as vicious, grunting thugs. Today, they have spokesmen with perfect English explaining President Assad's case with sweet reason. They also had the nous to allow the BBC's Jeremy Bowen into Damascus. He has introduced us to a succession of educated, attractive and Westernised people, like the ladies in the hair salon living in terror of the rebels breaking into their city. What will happen to people like this if Obama destroys Assad's ring of steel and Damascus falls to an assortment of guerrilla groups, blazing with religious fury and with many scores to settle? I do not give much for the chances of the ladies in the salon.

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AND I wonder how convincing is the "proof" of Syria's guilt over gassing its own people which President Obama is showing to senators in the hope of winning their support. Is it as persuasive as the evidence produced before the US/UK invasion of Iraq 10 years ago, showing missiles, chemical-warfare plants and mobile laboratories? After the invasion the missiles turned out to be drainpipes, the chemical-warfare plants were baby-food factories and the mobile laboratories were the Iraqi equivalent of Pickfords removal trucks. But by then it was too late.

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A READER reports seeing a fox in agony from mange. He says he called the RSPCA and asked if they could put it out of its misery. He reports: "They said yes, but only if I could catch it first." After a report earlier this year revealed the RSPCA was one of Britain's most complained-about charities, a spokesman said the organisation was "the voice and protector of animals that cannot protect themselves." Is that your experience? Let me know.

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THIRTY-seven years after Agatha Christie's death, a new Poirot yarn is being written by novelist Sophie Hannah. Let us hope we are spared one of Christie's screamingly unbelievable climaxes where the Belgian 'tec interviews ze suspects and invites zem to be in ze study at 6pm when he will expose ze killer. And the killer, instead of grabbing a horseless carriage to the nearest aerodrome, obligingly turns up to be denounced, coloured and hanged. Time after time. Zut alors, why do zey do it?

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A DRUNKEN stockbroker refused to pay his taxi fare, headbutted the driver and slammed the cabbie's head in the taxi door, causing wounds which needed 16 stitches. At a magistrates' court in London, this thug got away with community service. The chairman of the bench told him he was "lucky not to be jailed." Courts are places of punishment, not amusement arcades, and magistrates are supposed to dispense justice, not luck.

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EDUCATION Secretary Michael Gove says all teenagers who fail to get a grade C in English or Maths GCSE will be forced to continue studying and re-sit their exams. The chief effect of this diktat will be to make lots of children unhappy. I speak as one who failed Maths O-level three times. If I'd been forced to re-sit until I passed, I'd still be there.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Rida to be at forefront of jeans day



Rare condition - Rida Batool

A YOUNGSTER from Dudley with a rare genetic disorder will be helping to raise awareness of her condition for an upcoming fundraiser Jeans for Genes Day.

Rida Batool, aged eight, has the rare genetic disorder Alström Syndrome, which can affect every organ in the body along with microcephaly, which causes a small head and learning difficulties.

As a result Rida has sight problems, hearing impairment and she doesn't speak, instead communicating through sign language on her own body. She is mobile but uses a wheelchair for distance.

When she was born her mother Iram Shah knew immediately that she had some health problems, but she never

imagined her daughter would be diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder. As a newborn Rida had a very small head, much smaller than average, and she had no soft spot in her skull, just like her elder brother Shamash.

These were all symptoms of a hereditary neurological disorder called microcephaly, which literally means 'small head'. Shamash, now 11, was diagnosed at birth and has moderate learning disabilities, and Iram was in no doubt that her daughter also had the same condition.

Iram, 34, who is married to Ejaz, a factory machine operator, adds: "I assumed she had visual impairment linked with the microcephaly, but I also noticed she was putting on weight, considering she didn't eat a lot."

Rida was referred to a geneticist at Birmingham Children's Hospital aged two and a half and by the time she was three the family had a diagnosis.

Iram says: "I was told over the phone that Rida had Alström Syndrome. I was in floods of tears."

Alström Syndrome is a rare inherited disorder which affects one child in a million. One blessing for Iram is that Rida hasn't suffered from heart problems which are very common in children with Alström.

Now in its 18th year, Jeans for Genes Day is on Friday 20 September and asks for people to wear their jeans to work or school in return for a donation.

For details log onto www.jeansforgenesday.org

Dealer told to pay £250 over failure

A SCRAP metal dealer who made no record of a car he crushed has been ordered to pay £250.

Joseph Thompson was working at Fletcher Metals when the yard was visited by police on May 21.

The 54-year-old, of Hendon Close, Lower Gornal, Dudley, was asked to show officers the books but was unable to account for a Ford Fiesta that had been crushed.

His solicitors claimed he accepted no payment for the car, according to letters sent to Wolverhampton Magistrates Court, where he was sentenced in absence.

District Judge Michael Wheeler was told Thompson was unaware of what book keeping he had to do.

Thompson pleaded guilty to being a scrap metal dealer failing to record the particulars of metal received via post. He was ordered to pay a £145 fine, a £20 victim surcharge and £85 costs.

Raiders stripped home of pipes and radiators

by Alex Ross

THREE men stripped an empty home of copper piping, causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage, before being caught by police as they fled the scene, a court heard.

The house in Dudley had only been vacated by the previous tenant for a few hours when David Hughes Senior, his son David Hughes Junior and Dion Bricknall broke in through a gate and let themselves in, Dudley magistrates were told.

Police responding to a 999 call turned up at the house in Celandine Road, on the Wrens Nest estate, to find the men running out soaking wet and covered in filth at about 10.15pm on April 2.

Inside, officers found copper piping and radiators had been ripped from the walls of the house.

The three men denied responsibility for the incident, claiming they had gone to the house to collect a debt and found it in that state. But they were convicted of burglary with intent to steal following a trial at Dudley Magistrates' Court last month. Last Thursday, Hughes Senior, aged 51, and Hughes Junior, 22, both of Ivy Road, Dudley, and Bricknall, 21, of Marigold Crescent, appeared again at the court to be sentenced by District Judge Graham Wilkinson.

He said: "This is a serious matter. This address was targeted because you knew it would be empty because you knew the people living there and you targeted it."

"You had been ripping out radiators and pipes. The police arrived. The three defendants came running out of property - they were filthy and wet."

Mr Wilkinson said the figure for damage was in excess of £600. Mr Michael Davies, defending the three men, said Bricknall had 'set to change his life' since the incident and now had a job and is a father. He said Hughes Jnr was of a previous good character but admitted Hughes Snr had a 'poor' criminal record. Mr Wilkinson gave Hughes Jnr and Bricknall 16-weeks custody suspended for 12 months. The pair were also ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work.

Hughes Snr received a 24-week prison sentence, which was suspended for two years.

They were each ordered to pay £250 compensation, £200 costs and £80 victim surcharge.

Church opens doors to past



Church members and history enthusiasts Sheila Oliver, Margaret Woodhall and Martin Jones

HISTORY buffs can learn more about the families commemorated by sculptures, windows and wall plaques at a church during an open day.

All Saints' Church, in Sedgley, will be hosting the day tomorrow between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Visitors will be able to learn more about Sedgley and its inhabitants over the years through a series of displays at the venue.

Members of Sedgley Local History Society and the Birmingham and Midland Society of Genealogy and Heraldry will be on hand to answer questions from anyone that attends the event.

Among those commemorated is Eliza Tinsley, who defied the conventions of the Victorian era by taking over the running of her husband's nail-making factory following his death. Under her management the Cradley Heath business, which she renamed after herself, thrived and she became very wealthy.

She had a grand house called The Limes built on the outskirts of Sedgley. It has been converted into eight flats. Her memorial is on the church pathway outside the church.

There will also be a craft fair held at the church hall. Entry is free.

Parked police car is set on fire by yobs

YOBS set fire to a police car while it was parked up on an estate in the Black Country in the early hours of today.

Police officers had been responding to reports of anti-social behaviour on the Woodside estate in Dudley when the car was set alight at around 3.20am.

The car was parked near homes in Wood Street, just off the A4036 Highgate Road, when it was set alight.

Firefighters from Brierley Hill attended to extinguish the flames which were bursting out from the patrol car's engine bay.

No officers were injured in the incident. Officers have been investigating, making door to door enquiries. Witnesses are asked to call 101.

Firm splits up into two sites

A BUSINESS has split into two parts and taken on a new site. Deligo Fastpak, in Lye, Dudley, is now Deligo and Fastpak with electrical components suppliers Deligo, and will move to a 20,500 sq ft unit on the Blackbrook Valley industrial estate, off Narrowboat Way.

Fastpak, which makes a range of red-topped plastic packs for its customers, remains at the Monarch Works in Hill Street, Lye.

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Courses on offer for out-of-work

YOUNG residents not in work are being urged to sign up for skills training courses at a Walsall college.

Those, aged between 16 and 24, who are not in work, education or training are able to sign up to pre-apprenticeship programmes at Walsall Adult & Community College, off Bloxwich Road, in Leamore.

It offers a range of programmes including health and social care, childcare, sport and leisure, construction and gardening, business and office studies.

The college is hosting two recruitment events for the pre-apprenticeship academies at the beginning of September at its Hawbush Centre, Beeches Road.

These will be held on September 4 from 1.30pm to 4pm and will provide information about business and office, digital media, and digital engineering.

On September 5 there will be a session on construction and gardening, childcare, health and social care, and sports and leisure. For more details call 01922 663000 or visit www.wacc.ac.uk

Tennis nets destroyed by vandals

VANDALS have caused damage at a tennis court in a Walsall park by snapping one of the posts in two.

It was caused to the court at Pleck Park in Walsall and was reported to Walsall Council on Monday of last week.

A decision on whether the post will be replaced this year has not yet been made by the authority.

Councillor Anthony Harris, the council's cabinet member for leisure and culture, said the nets are now useless.

He added: "This is just vandalism, mindless vandalism which has deprived our park visitors from enjoying a simple game of tennis."

"We came across the damage on Monday morning. "One of the posts had been snapped in half, rendering the nets useless."

"We've reported the matter to West Midlands Police."

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

£138 is raised

LOCAL volunteers who took to the streets of Walsall in June raised £138.82 for Compassion in World Farming, Britain's leading farm animal welfare group.



The 1907/08 team won the Birmingham Junior League



Officials and players of the 1921/22 Darlaston team



A less formal line up for the 1936/37 team and officials

The rich and proud past of crisis-ridden football club

THE near 140-year history of Darlaston Town FC is a rich one.

Its contribution to the sporting heritage of the Black Country is tightly interwoven with some of the club's more illustrious neighbours and opponents.

From its numerous league titles to countless cup victories, there has been no shortage of drama or memories down the decades.

Formed in 1874, there is now a fight to make sure 2013 is not the year the final chapter in Darlaston Town's proud record is written.

It emerged this month that the club has folded and been pulled from the West Midlands Regional League, of which it is one of two founder members. The club boasts a history decorated with silverware, having won 10 league championships and more than 40 cup competitions.

Fans are now joining forces to try to revive or relaunch a Darlaston team which can succeed for decades to come.

A meeting for fans to discuss whether to reform the club or set up a new one is being held at Darlaston All Active Centre, in Willenhall Road, on September 4 from 7.30pm.

Neil Chambers, a chairman of the club in the 1990s and club historian, said when it was announced the club had folded: "There is a real enthusiasm from people to form a club to represent the town and it is possible to keep the name of Darlaston Town alive."

Famous

Dozens of players who once donned the Darlaston colours have gone on to turn out for league sides including Manchester United, Arsenal, Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, Southampton, Wolves and Walsall.

The two most famous sons are Jack Burditt and Billy Walker. England star Walker was born in Wednesbury and played for Darlaston between 1915 and 1917 before going on to become Aston Villa's all-time leading goalscorer. He won 18 caps, including three appearances as captain.

Walker went on to manage both Sheffield Wednesday and Nottingham Forest to FA Cup success in 1935 and 1959 respectively.

Burditt joined Darlaston as a 19-year-old at the start of the 1945/46 season, and played for two seasons before transferring to Nottingham Forest for £500 in 1947. He played more than 500 games for Forest and captained them to FA Cup success against Luton Town in 1959. The club was known as Darlaston FC until Town was added to the name in the mid-1990s.

Darlaston initially played in the Wednesbury Junior League and Walsall District League. In the 1897/98 season they tri-



Ex-player and future FA Cup winner Jack Burditt meets fans in 1957



A programme from Darlaston Town v Nottingham Forest in 1948

umphed in the Birmingham County Junior Cup beating Hoobrook Olympic in the final.

They settled at the City Ground, Waverley Road, in 1899 and it was only during the war years there had not been a senior team – until, that is, now. In the 1907/08 Darlaston won the Birmingham Junior League. The following year saw Darlaston become one of the founders of the Birmingham Combination, winning it in 1910/11.

In the next campaign the club was promoted to the senior Birmingham & District League. Darlaston remained members until the end of the 1927/28 season when they returned to the Birmingham Combination.

During the Second World War the league did not run, but on the return to normal Combination football in 1945/46, Darlaston were champions.

Darlaston remained in the Birmingham Combination until the end of the 1953/54 season when the league folded.

They then moved to the reorganised Birmingham & District League, playing in Division One North.

The Birmingham & District League became the West Midlands (Regional) League in the 1962/1963 season.

Darlaston played in the Premier Division until 1981/82 when they were demoted.



The Darlaston Town team of the 1956/57 season



Players from the 1981/82 season line up for the camera



Darlaston Town FC's home ground as it's seen today

From the 1982/83 season they were members of Division One, winning the title and promotion in 1989/90.

The following season 1990/91 they finished 4th in the Premier Division.

The team became the first side to win the Birmingham County FA Vase back to back in seasons 1990/91 and 1991/92.

Recently, the club has struggled financially.

Last year there were fears over its future unless it managed to find £15,000 needed to run for the season. The team finished in the bottom two places in the league.

NEWS

in brief

Safety meeting for residents

RESIDENTS will be able to quiz council, police and health chiefs about safety and anti-social behaviour issues in Willenhall.

The Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership is hosting a Safer Walsall Question Time on September 3 at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School, Castle Drive, and councillors will also be available.

Councillor Zahid Ali, chair of Safer Walsall Partnership, said: "These meetings are proving to be a really good opportunity for residents to find out about what is being done to make their communities safer."

Golf club wins beginner award

A GOLF club has been rewarded after launching a new scheme to make it easier for people to get involved in the sport.

Walsall Golf Club, in Broadway, has launched a five-step programme which helps would-be golfers progress from beginner to club member.

The club has been awarded a GolfMark, an official seal of approval for facilities which play an important role in the development of the game.

The club hosts regular taster sessions and a family fun day.

For more information, call 01922 613512.

£305 court bill over cannabis

A MAN who was caught producing cannabis plants at his home has been hit with a £305 court bill.

Police found two plants and paraphernalia belonging to Daniel Edwards on July 27. The 25-year-old, of Keasden Grove, Willenhall, pleaded guilty to producing cannabis. Walsall magistrates were told it was for his own personal use. They fined him £200, with £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

£400 gift is plain sailing for charity

A CHARITY supporting adults with physical disabilities has been given a £400 donation. ENRYCH received it from the Pertemps People Development Group, Walsall.

The money allowed people helped by the charity to spend a day out at Sneyd Water Sports Centre, which has specially adapted boats to enable people with disabilities to experience sailing.

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DID you ever suspect that the Australians are all raving mad?

It had crossed my mind a while ago, but back then my suspicions were based on ill-founded prejudices, such as their love of Foster's lager and the fact they consider Home And Away to be quality family viewing.

But the proof came this weekend when, for the second time in three years they have elected another British politician as their prime minister.

A while back it was that strange Welsh bird, the one from Barry Island, but everyone can make a mistake. Perhaps they had been getting Gavin and Stacey on the satellite, and got the two mixed up. Easy mistake to make.

But now they have gone and done it again, this time it is an ex-boxer from London called Tony Abbott.

While we might hate the sight of our politicians, it seems our antipodean cousins can't get enough of them.

Why, is hard to imagine, but we really shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth. If they want our politicians, we should supply them. All of them.

At the moment there are 650 of the blighters who were due to break up from the Commons again this week, so they can all take part in their annual jamboree in various parts of the country. Let's buy the tickets now, and get them all on those boats.

After all, last time we exported a ship load of dubious characters to the other side of the world, it didn't turn out so bad, did it?

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TALKING of politicians, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has told us he has saved the nation's finances, that the economy is 'turning the corner', and that he has achieved a 'decisive victory in policy'.

Sounds remarkably like that fellow how said he had ended the 'cycle of boom and bust'. Now what happened to him?

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ACCORDING to reports, a new piranha-like fish could be heading for the UK after being discovered in the River Seine in France.

The Paco, charmingly known as the nut cracker or the ball cutter, grows up to 3ft and while technically a vegetarian, it has a curious fondness for chomping on gentlemen's meatballs.

"They bite because they're hungry, and testicles sit nicely in their mouth," explains expert Henrik Carl.

Still, if it lives up those end-of-term skinny dipping sessions in Oxford every summer, it must have something going for it.



Alfonso when he was just 17, behind the counter



The van during its overhaul and respray



How the ice cream van looked before



Alfonso serving up ice cream inside the revamped vehicle

The ice cream man cometh in 1973 van

A family steeped in the traditions of selling ice cream has gone back to its origins with the refurbishment of a classic 1973 van. **DEBORAH HARDIMAN** reports

FROM humble beginnings on a pushbike, to their first factory in Dudley, the Urso family's passion for ice cream has coursed through their veins for generation after generation.

Ever since Alfonso Urso climbed out of the coal pit and hopped on his bicycle clutching his shiny new ice cream seller's permit, the Ursos have never looked back.

Now third generation Black Country vendor Alfonso Urso has spent six months and around £5,000 restoring an eye-catching classic van.

He has returned the 1973 Bedford CF to its former glory after snapping it up on eBay for a cool £3,500.

Emigrated

The 41-year-old former Pool Hayes School pupil has been turning heads round Willenhall with the pink and white motor.

He is the third generation from his family to run the business known as Alfonso & Sons. It was set up in 1956 by Mr Urso's grandfather, also called Alfonso, who had emigrated here from Sicily.

The van, which plays the Greensleeves tune, will next month take pride of place on display at a national ice cream business conference in Crewe.

Mr Urso said: "My dad Carmelo wanted to do up an old ice cream van, but unfortunately he died in 1999 before he could do it. He wanted to do up a van in the way they were designed back in the early days.



Alfonso Urso, with the ice cream van he has restored with son Carmelo

"That's why myself and my son have done it, in memory of my dad. I think he would have been very proud with the result, 100 per cent. The public reaction has been great.

"I get pensioners coming to me and telling me their ice cream stories from when they were children. They also take photos of it because it reminds them of the past.

"Selling ice cream has always been our family trade. When my grandad Alfonso arrived in this country he worked in the coal mines before getting a permit to sell ice cream on his bicycle and it has remained in the family ever

since with my son Carmelo, the fourth generation," Mr Urso explained.

He restored the vehicle with help from his 17-year-old son Carmelo, who is often at the wheel of another of their vans.

The pair, of Lincoln Avenue, County Bridge, stripped the interior and installed new machines, before repainting the outside to the familiar Mr Whippy colours - pink, cream and white - and fitting chrome bumpers and hubcaps.

Mr Urso, who is married to Nicky, a teacher, hopes Carmelo and his other children, Lorenzo, aged 10, and daughter

Lucrezia, aged 14, will one day take over the family trade.

He said: "I always knew I would go into the business ever since I was little. It's in my blood.

"I do feel selling ice creams is a bit of a dying trade and I've got concerns about competition from the big supermarkets which are selling cheap ice lollies in boxes, but we're still here working hard and playing Greensleeves. I hope my sons will be able to carry on if they are able to."

He still has strong links with his extended family back in Ribera on the Sicilian south coast and visits them at least once a year.

"We're always going there, sometimes twice a year. We have a house there and all my dad's relatives. We are very close.

Potential

"My grandad worked down the pit in Hanley, in Stoke, which a lot of immigrants did when they arrived in the 1950s. When he got his residency papers to stay in England he started the business on an old fashioned push bike. It was like a 'stop me and buy one' set up.

"It was then that he saw the potential in selling ice cream as a job and eventually bought his first ice cream van."

In 1969 the enterprising Alfonso senior then bought an ice cream factory in Dudley Road East, Dudley, which he sold in 1980 and which is still in operation.

He explained that his uncles Vincenzo and Giuseppe and his aunt Josephine all run ice cream businesses in London along with their children.

Mr Urso added: "My grandad went back to live in Sicily and bought three farms, growing olives, oranges and grapes. My uncle Vincenzo went back with him, but eventually returned here because he missed selling ice creams in the UK so much."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

OFFICE workers rushed to their windows as an Argentine Pucara ground attack aircraft zoomed in on RAF Cosford. The plane, which was captured by British forces at Port Stanley during the Falklands conflict, was on its way to take its place at the station's aerospace museum.

A SMOKING strongman from Wolverhampton failed to prove he was fit on fags after his last-gasp bid to race against a doctor was stubbed out. Dr John Wigmore had vowed to race a smoker as part of an anti-cigarette campaign, but refused the challenge of 47-year-old Ray Britton on the grounds that he was too young.

A 61-YEAR-OLD Bilston man enjoyed 40 years of accident-free motoring - and then had two crashes in three minutes. The driver collided with a car on Finchfield Road West before reversing into a car.

1993...

A TRAIN from London to Wolverhampton was turned into the curry express. Around 80 people were treated to free portions of chicken tikka masala and vegetable curry as part of a link between British Rail and an Indian restaurant.

A TREASURE hunter from Worcestershire was in line to bag a fortune after unearthing a hoard of ancient coins. The lucky finder uncovered 977 silver and seven gold coins, which was believed to be the biggest ever Iron Age haul found in Britain.

A SURVEY revealed that a quarter of all men in the Midlands were "domestic disasters" with household chores. The ASDA-commissioned report found working women spent double the time amount of time on domestic chores as the men.

2003...

BILSTON became the first town in the country to offer crèche facilities at a marketplace, allowing parents to enjoy child-free shopping. The facility formed part of an £800,000 regeneration scheme which included a glazed canopy and a market office.

HUNDREDS of people gathered in a playing field to witness the demolition of three landmark tower blocks in West Bromwich. St John's House, Caldwell House and Wills House disappeared from the skyline during the operation which took five months to plan and five seconds to enact.

THOUSANDS of pounds were raised for charity as Wolverhampton City Marathon attracted a record-breaking 1,800 participants. Serious runners competed alongside those in fancy dress to raise more than £10,000 for charity.

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LETTERS

Try not to hit back at lane hogs

WHILE sharing Steve Vanstone's views about motorway 'lane hoggers' (Action over lane hogs, August 22), I fear that he is mistaken in his assertion that passing another vehicle on its left side is illegal.

The Highway Code is essentially what its title indicates – a code of conduct for drivers and other road users.

Its introduction makes it clear that breach of other rules 'will not, in itself, cause a person to be prosecuted', though evidence of conduct amounting to a breach may be used to establish liability under the road traffic legislation for a specific offence.

I would add a friendly note of caution to your correspondent in view of the confession in his final paragraph about the nature of his driving behaviour in retaliation for being 'inconvenienced' by a slower driver in the middle lane.

In my view, the deliberate use of windscreen washers in circumstances other than to clear the screen of dirt and foreign matter to enhance vision, could very well amount to an offence under Section 2, namely 'driving without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road'.

It is well-established that the kind of conduct which this provision is

intended to embrace includes driving with headlights on full beam behind or towards another vehicle.

He would do well to resist the temptation, particularly in fine weather and within the vision of some vigilant traffic cop if there were no other, genuine reason for operating the spray switch.

May I add in all modesty that I believe I can write with more than a little experience because, though now retired for more than 19 years, I was in practice as a solicitor for 40 years, spending the majority of my time in magistrates courts.

GEOFF DAVIES, Lower Gornal

HS2 will never stay on budget

I WRITE in response to Mr Jerry Blackett's letter extolling the virtues of the HS2 rail link.

While there is much in his euphoric and glowing expectations that I have to say that I agree with; I cannot for the life of me see the remotest possibility of this enormous project being concluded either within budget or on time.

We must remember that the original budget was a paltry £50 billion and it has already shot up by £30bn to a staggering £80bn, so I would hazard a guess that the chances of it coming in on or below budget are to say the least remote.

B PARSONS,
Millard Road,
Coseley.

Wait to win

REGARDING not winning on ERNIE. In 1956 I was bought two as a present. I am still waiting for a win.

J CARTER,
Brierley Hill.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Care and kindness shown at hospital

IN THE early hours of Saturday, June 8, I was unexpectedly admitted to Russells Hall Hospital. From the time of my arrival I was treated with the utmost care and kindness, having a scan later that day and an operation on Sunday by an extremely skilful surgeon and his dedicated team.

I have so much admiration for all staff concerned, doctors, nurses, care workers, cleaners, all who work tirelessly from 7.30am to 7.30pm, on three-day stretches, always willing to help or advise and always with a smile. Physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social services who make sure there will be support at home when discharged, so many people to thank.

My husband is registered blind and the same care and kindness was extended to him. On his daily visits he was also able to have a cooked meal in the restaurant.

I am 81 years of age and I could not have been treated better if I had been in a private hospital.

After all the adverse publicity concerning so many hospitals I felt I must express my personal experience of the excellent care I received in the following wards – Critical Care, C8, B4 and B5, for which I will be eternally grateful.

JUNE HILL, Dudley.

The magic of Maciver

YES, the audience were initially disappointed that Marti Pellow did not show up for last Wednesday's performance of Evita at the Grand Theatre, especially as the show had only been running for two nights.

However Stuart Maciver (the understudy) more than made up for it in what was an amazing performance and one of which he should be extremely proud.

Two things did disappoint though – the staggering cost of the car park in Piper's Row (now £3.50) and the disgusting mess in the street nearby.

JAN TALBOT,
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Penguin in mystery escape bid



Head of birds at Dudley Zoo, Kellie Piper, with escapee penguin Houdini, who was found outside a theatre

Bird named Houdini after legend

ZOO staff had a mission to p-p-pick up a baby penguin who did a disappearing act.

Now this little bird has been christened Houdini – after the world famous great escape artist.

The chick somehow managed to get out of Penguin Bay at Dudley Zoological Gardens – and waddled off to the nearby Go Wild! theatre about 40 yards away.

The juvenile Humboldt penguin was spotted by zoo presenter Langan

Turner, who gives talks to visitors in the theatre, as he opened the door at Go Wild! He said: "It was quite a surprise to see the Humboldt there."

"We're used to finding peacocks outside the door, but never a penguin. I had to remind him that he would have a long wait for the show to start later that afternoon."

Quite how Houdini managed to get out of Penguin Bay is a mystery.

Penguins cannot fly and zoo keepers have carefully checked the

perimeter of the enclosure and have been unable to find any breaches which the bird could have climbed through.

Luckily the chick was not too far from its Penguin Bay home and was quickly ushered back to the poolside colony by head of birds Kellie Piper.

Kellie said: "We hadn't yet named the chick, so we've now christened him Houdini as we're baffled as to how he got there."

We're going to have to keep a close eye on him from now on."

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Threats man given suspended jail term

A WALSALL man with alcohol problems who barged his way into random homes in Wednesfield demanding a knife has been given a suspended jail term.

John Lowbridge, who was suffering from hallucinations, forced his way in and scared those, including young children, inside.

He was arrested and taken to hospital where he pushed a bed against a police officer causing a leg injury, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 42-year-old first knocked on the door of an address in Belton Avenue, and once inside put his Martini bottles on the table. He started looking in cupboards for a knife, threatening to use it.

No-one was injured at the properties.

Lowbridge, of Stafford Street, admitted to counts of affray on February 3 and three counts of common assault.

She said the cows wandered off the site earlier this week after vandals cut the fence in six different places to create gaps in order to get access to the site.

Mrs Richardson, aged 63, of Big House Farm in nearby Lime Lane, said: "We have the use of 33 acres of land at the moor for our cattle to graze on."

Mr Andrew Baker, defending, said Lowbridge did not understand what he was doing at the time.

He was given a 20-month jail sentence suspended for two years and a two-year

Cows head towards road after vandals cut fence

Phil muscles way to title

BODYBUILDER Phil Brown only started competing in 2010 but he has already scooped a title.

The 36-year-old social care worker with Walsall Council has been crowned British Natural Bodybuilding Federation Midlands middleweight champion.

Mr Brown, of Wednesfield, impressed the judges at the competition in Derby on August 4 with a series of poses, including a routine set to the soundtrack of Queen hit One Vision. He will compete in the UK finals in Manchester on September 15.

He said he had always been sporty but got into bodybuilding after someone in a pub spotted him and asked him whom he trained with.

They got chatting and Mr Brown decided to give it a go.

He now trains every day, and sometimes on days off from his work as he will hit the gym twice a day.

The bodybuilder, of Wood Avenue, also has to eat every two to three hours.

He said: "I was really pleased when I won the Midlands middleweight championship because I only started competing in 2010."

"It's the first one I have won and I've come second in it in the past. I like bodybuilding because I enjoy competing against myself, I enjoy trying to push myself to the next level."



Phil Brown the new middleweight Midlands bodybuilding champion

VANDALS caused hundreds of pounds of damage to a new fence on cattle grazing land in Walsall, allowing 26 cows to escape fields and head towards a busy road.

Farmer Julie Richardson claims people walking dogs at Huddocks Moor, Pelsall, where part of her herd is kept, are responsible for ongoing problems with fences being cut by wire cutters.

She said the cows wandered off the site earlier this week after vandals cut the fence in six different places to create gaps in order to get access to the site.

Mrs Richardson, aged 63, of Big House Farm in nearby Lime Lane, said: "We have the use of 33 acres of land at the moor for our cattle to graze on."

"But due to ongoing problems with trespassers damaging the fence, two weeks ago we got two labourers in for two days to replace the damaged parts and the whole thing cost us about £700."

Repairs

"When we arrived on Monday the fencing had been cut in about six places and we believe it is by people walking dogs. It's 33 acres of fenced grassed land and there is no reason for anyone to be accessing site."

"We have 30 cows over there and 26 of them got out as a result. They were heading in the direction of Lime Lane, but we managed to turn them round. Some went off over the north common, while others got into another farmer's wheat field."

"They were all over the place, but we managed to stop them with the help of farmer Richard Tebbitt. He also helped us carry out temporary repairs to the fence."

The moor belongs to Huddocks Moor Farm and is rented by the Richardsons.

"If we see anyone damaging the fence in future we will be calling the police," Mrs Richardson said.

"Dog dirt causes big problems for cows. Two years ago two cows gave birth to calves that died afterwards and we had to cull the mothers because of a disease they picked up from the dog droppings on Huddocks Moor."

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NEWS

Listed building in £300k revamp



Owner Jagdish Singh and Councillor Judy Foster with members of staff and other dignitaries at the restaurant

New chapter on menu at premises

A HISTORIC grade II listed building in Dudley which has been restored during a £300,000 project will re-open as a restaurant.

Charlton House, on the corner of New Street and Priory Street, is the latest property to be refurbished by Dudley Council's Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

Owner Jagdish Singh is now gearing up to open a new restaurant called Charlton House Bar and Dining this Friday.

The restoration project, which started in March 2012, included sub-

stantial internal and external repairs, elements of architectural reinstatement and internal refurbishment to bring the vacant floor space back into use. The work has been carried out by Mr Singh with grant assistance through the Dudley THI, supported by funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Dudley Council, English Heritage and the Housing and Communities Agency.

The restaurant, which has created six jobs, will offer a range of British cuisine as well as Indian dishes made with locally sourced produce.

Mr Singh said: "We are delighted to

be in a position to open the restaurant in this historic building which gives us an excellent foundation for a successful restaurant.

"We are very grateful to the support we have received from Dudley Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and other organisations."

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "This building had deteriorated until it was bought by the current owners who have shown great determination to refurbish it for use as a restaurant."

The project follows similar work at Baylies Hall in Tower Street and Elizabeth House and Holloway Chambers in Priory Street.

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Pensioners inspired by people's help in wake of £9k damage at day centre

MEMBERS of a pensioners' day centre targeted twice in a week by thieves and vandals spoke of being 'inspired' by members of the community who have rallied around to offer their support and help it get back on its feet.

Around £9,000 of damage was caused at the Age Concern Day Centre in Halesowen.

Yobs urinated on food stored for pensioners' meals during one attack, while in the later raid they managed to force their way on to the

by Andrew Turton

centre's minibus to turn on the radio, which drained the battery and forced it off the road. Many people have offered cash donations and given their time free to make repairs at the centre in Green Lane after hearing about the group's plight.

Centre bosses revealed they will be reimbursed by insurers for the cost of some of the damage. But they are seeking around £5,000 in grants from two community forum groups run by ward councillors.

This cash would buy more food for meals

and replace some items stolen during the double break-in.

They had already submitted a bid to obtain community grants to buy four marquees to allow the centre to hold garden parties. But this scheme has had to be dropped in order to claim the cash needed in the urgent circumstances.

Businessman Tony Billingham, who owns three care homes in the Halesowen area, has offered £250 of his own money to the centre.

He has also joined fellow Rotary Club members from Halesowen and Rowley Regis who have agreed to donate £500 to help the centre.

Locksmith Mike O'Sullivan also offered his services for free to install stronger bolts on doors to keep intruders out. Others, including a local firefighter, have also agreed to spend time redecorating after offices were smashed up.

Centre director and ward councillor Ken Turner said Age Concern members had been touched by the volume of support. "I'm really chuffed and inspired by the way the community has rallied around us," said Councillor Turner.

The first attack was on August 19 while the second happened sometime over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Changes at top for building firm

THE managing director of Stourport-based construction business Thomas Vale has been promoted to become the chairman of the firm.

Tony Hyde, who has been in his current post since 2002, will continue to work with key business clients in the Midlands in the public and private sectors.

Thomas Vale is now part of Bouygues UK, which is owned by the French Bouygues Construction Group.

Mr Hyde is also Bouygues UK's director for corporate responsibility.

Mr Hyde will be succeeded as managing director by Gary Mail who has most recently undertaken the role of construction director.



Gary Mail

Shandy put some fizz into romance



Diamond wedding couple Joe and Norah Bagley celebrate their milestone with a message from the Queen

DIAMOND couple Joe and Norah Bagley have toasted 60 years of marriage after their eyes first met across a Black Country pub bar.

Joe plucked up the courage to speak to Norah at the Blue Brick pub, in Brierley Hill, and bought her a shandy to help win her over.

Six decades later the couple, who now live in Sedgley, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends.

Both came from big families with Norah growing up alongside five brothers and four sisters on the Priory estate in Dudley while Joe lived with four brothers and two sisters in Sedgley.

Norah attended the Park Secondary School, in Dudley, before leaving to work at Cliff Williams' tailors in Birmingham.

Joe was a Dormston School pupil until he left to work at Hillman's in Dudley making leather goods. He also served two years national service in the 1st South Staffordshire Army regiment in Germany.

They first met in the pub while with their friends and went out for two years before tying the knot.

They got married at St Peter's Church, in Upper Gornal, on a beautiful sunny day on August 8, 1953, before having a honeymoon in Torquay.

The couple lived at

The couple seen on their wedding day back in 1953

various homes around Gornal and Sedgley before settling in a bungalow in Arcal Street around 22 years ago.

Joe completed 32 years working at Bilston steel-works Stewarts and Lloyds.



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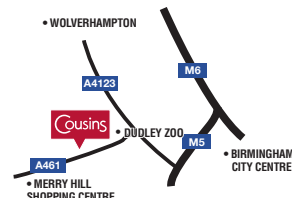
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Showing off wings and wheels



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Pilot David Nock by his 1944 North American Texan aircraft



Some of the many steam-powered vehicles on display

MORE than 4,000 people flocked to see vintage aircraft and vehicles of all shapes and sizes as a popular event returned to Bobbington, near Dudley.

Among the highlights of the Wings and Wheels show at Halfpenny Green Airport in Bobbington was an appearance by some Daleks and Dr Who's Tardis as well as a re-enactment of a Battle of Britain flight.

There were also several large scale model aeroplane shows throughout the

day. Organiser Vaughan Meers said the show was one of the biggest yet and was growing every year.

He said: "We had to open an emergency car park and I was worried that we wouldn't get everyone in. It was an absolutely fantastic event and we have had some great feedback from everyone."

There were 150 classic cars and more than 100 aeroplanes on display, which Mr Meers said broke the show's previous records.

A Spitfire performed an aerobatic display, recreating scenes from the Battle of Britain, while collectors from across the country took along their full-

size Daleks and a replica Tardis from Dr Who. Twenty-minute model aircraft shows were held, and 1940s-style singing group Something Special performed throughout the day.

Mr Meers added: "The show was a huge success and we are delighted with the turnout. The Daleks proved very popular with families and everyone enjoyed the displays. This isn't just a show for people who like aircrafts and people who like classic cars. There is so much going on that there is something for everyone."

Plans are already being made for the next event being held on Easter weekend next year at the airport.



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NEWS

60 homes planned for site of former factory

Clothes line fill gap in market

A PELSALL woman has launched a market stall selling plus-size clothing in Cannock.

Lesley's Fashions has opened in the town's indoor market, selling women's clothing in sizes ranging from 14 to the mid-30s.

Owner Gail Hodgkiss, of Ryders Hayes Lane said: "We have been thinking about it for a few years because there's nothing in Cannock for larger ladies now Evans has gone."

"I'm a size 18 and a lot of my friends struggle to get clothes."

"You can go into New Look and get a size 20 dress."

"They are just the same as the smaller designs, but bigger, so the cut isn't right."

Mrs Hodgkiss, a mother-of-five, aged 57, orders her stock from America, where there is a wider range of shops catering for bigger customers.

She says trade so far has been positive, with customers saying they are pleased to see the gap in the market has been filled.

"It has been quite a good response so far, so I hope I am here for the long haul," she said.

The new market stall is open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



Gail Hodgkiss on her Lesley's Fashions stall at Cannock Market

MORE than 60 homes will be built on the site of a former manufacturing firm, under fresh redevelopment plans in Darlaston.

A mixture of 55 houses and 12 apartments will be created on the old Jebron Works site in Bright Street to bring the largely vacant land back into use.

The business, which was involved in the manufacturing of doors, went into administration in December 2010 with the loss of 65 jobs.

Walsall-based Chamberlin & Hill then bought the assets of the 85-year-old Jebron Ltd for £162,000 and bosses were able to reinstate jobs.

The regeneration project to create the housing estate on the industrial land has been submitted to Walsall Council.

It comes after it emerged earlier this year that multi-million pound proposals to transform the former Servis site, which is nearby on Darlaston Road, had stalled.

Concerned

Developers have earmarked possible shops, restaurants, housing and leisure attractions but firm plans were put on hold due to the economic climate.

Darlaston councillors Paul and Chris Bott said they welcomed steps to regenerate the old Jebron Works but were concerned over losing industrial sites.

"We are pleased development is going to take place," said Mr Bott.

"The concern we have got is that we are losing another area for industrial use. If we are going to lose this site from industrial land, it is more urgent than ever the Servis site is retained for industrial or development that will start to create jobs."

John Goodchild, agent on behalf of the applicants Galliford Try Partnerships, said: "The proposal is to demolish the existing unattractive industrial buildings to make way for a comprehensive redevelopment of 67 two, three and four bed dwellings."

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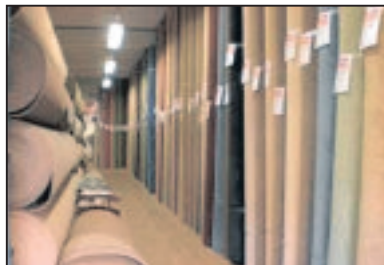
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NEWS

Children's department is improving, says chief

Boxing club a real knockout



Chief Constable Chris Simms takes on James Smith at Walsall Police Amateur Boxing Club which was set up nine months ago

A BOXING club set up by police officers which aims to keep youngsters off the streets of Walsall has been hailed as a huge success.

Walsall Police Amateur Boxing Club launched nine months ago and has up to 40 people attended on any given night.

Officers are there on a regular basis, getting to know teenagers while they build up their boxing skills. Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, Chris Sims, paid the club a visit last week to see how it is being run.

Pc Alan Poole helped set the club after being approached by Ian Benton and Shaun Hargreaves, who now run it. Pc Poole said the club, on Maybrook Industrial Estate, Walsall Wood, was already proving a big success within the community.

"One of our big goals is to keep youngsters out of trouble," he said.

"It breaks down barriers between the police and youngsters. Boxing teaches them respect, discipline and to lead a healthy lifestyle.

"And because we've got police officers there we can influence them - they see us as people and not a uniform. It's already proving very successful and there are some kids there who, if they weren't at the club would be getting into trouble."

Links

Although it is mostly attended by teenage boys, it is also open to girls and any age range, with a five-year-old youngster and a 65-year-old man taking part.

The club is run by unpaid volunteers and has links to youth services and schools. It has been supported by several groups including Accord Housing, Walsall House Group, police charity Building Blocks and Rosie's Helping Hands.

THE chair of a panel scrutinising Walsall's children's services has claimed 'remarkable' progress had been made in the department over the past year.

She is also calling for the council to invest in a new computer system for social workers.

The department came under fire last year when Ofsted judged the local authority's safeguarding services, and its capacity to improve, as 'inadequate'.

But the rating improved this year to 'adequate' following an inspection between June 24 and July 5, with a report stating that children's services now had a clear vision and a better awareness of the work required to continue to improve.

But Councillor Barbara Cassidy, chair of the council's children and young people's scrutiny panel, said further improvements were needed during a meeting last week. However, she also hailed the progress staff had made since the damning Ofsted verdict.

Clunky

She said 50 extra laptops needed to be given to social workers and the PARIS computer system used by social services needed to be thrown out.

"PARIS needs to be replaced," she said. "We should have gotten rid of it a long time ago."

Councillor Cassidy said it was unknown how much it would cost to replace the system but it was likely to be a 'huge expense'.

Children's services boss Rose Collinson added: "We are trying to make the PARIS system the very best system we can while we've got it. "At the moment clunky systems cost the time of staff and cleansing data costs staff time."

She said there were still challenges in the department with high caseloads but added that 14 social workers had been taken on and were due to start next month, when 15 further posts will be advertised.

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MEMORY LANE

Glass and iron expertise at heart of huge Crystal Palace

By Carl Chinn

WITH the recent press reports that a Chinese billionaire is considering building a replica of the Crystal Palace, which hosted the Great Exhibition of 1851, it is important to highlight the importance of Black Country ingenuity, skill and organisation to the creation of the original structure.

The Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations in 1851 was a triumph of engineering and manufacturing. A proclamation to the world of the dominance of British industry, it was housed in an amazing structure the like of which had never before been seen. Made of glass and iron, it struck awe into each and every person who beheld it.

Sited in Hyde Park, it was six times the size of St Paul's Cathedral and its dimensions were staggering. It was 1,851ft long, the equivalent of 118 large eight-roomed houses, and at 456ft was as broad as 28 such houses. The transept, the arched part that crossed the building, was 68ft high, while the nave – the long part – was just 3ft less in height. In all, this amazing Crystal Palace covered almost 18 acres, about six times that of Saint Paul's Cathedral.

Not only was it an immense size, it was ground-breaking in its style and materials. Normally, buildings were made of wood, stone or brick, but the Crystal Palace owed nothing to such traditional materials.

Its marvel was founded upon glass and iron. A handful of railway stations and large conservatories had been made in the same way, but none compared even remotely to the Crystal Palace in their scale. Six million people, a third of the British people, were



The Crystal Palace, made possible by Black Country ingenuity, skill and organisation

pulled to London to admire both the country's manufacturing accomplishments and the magnificent Crystal Palace itself. They could not have done so without the Black Country.

The building contractors were the celebrated engineers Fox and Henderson of the London Works, Smethwick; the 900,000ft glass that transformed the building into a place of wonderment was made at Chance's of Spon Lane, Smethwick; and the 4,000 tons of iron that held up everything came from the Woodside Iron Works in Dudley.

Chance's had to develop a new technique to develop larger panes than had been possible previously. At 896,000 sq ft, the total surface of the glass made at Chance's was astonishing and it weighed 400 tons. Each pane of glass was large and thick – almost four and a half feet long and 10in broad – and was joined to thin strips of wood called sash bars.

Many pundits publicly expressed doubts about the stability of the Crystal Palace. All

were to be confounded by the expertise of Fox, Henderson and their workers and by the strength of the cast iron from the Woodside Iron Works in Dudley. These had been built in 1841 by Bramah and Cochrane.

Prepared

John Joseph Bramah was a remarkable civil engineer who also took over Dudley's Horseley Iron Works in 1844. One of his most important successes was the roof over the Houses of Parliament, which made good use of cast iron.

In 1844 John Weale noted that Bramah's work deserved commendation for the workmanlike and correct manner in which it was executed. He explained that the iron for the riverfront portion of the building was prepared at Woodside while the roof over the House of Peers and the rest of Parliament came from the Horseley Iron Works. Alexander Cochrane was as accomplished as Bram-

ah. After tendering for the work at the Great Exhibition it is said that Joseph Paxton, the architect, tersely stated: "You have the contract, start immediately". His word was enough. No written confirmation was needed.

Work did begin straight away, so that within nine months the staggering number of 3,300 cast-iron girders were ready. In addition 358 wrought-iron trusses were cast, along with 30 miles of guttering and 202 miles of sash bars. No wonder that a Dudley commentator exclaimed proudly that the result was "a marvel of engineering skill and accomplishment, and clearly demonstrated to the world the power and ingenuity which the Woodside Works possessed to make and erect anything in the substance and form of iron".

Fox was knighted for his invaluable contribution to the Great Exhibition and later, he and Henderson were the contractors for the removal of the Crystal Palace from Hyde Park to Sydenham in South London. Unfortunately, their business became too stretched and failed in 1856 when one of its foreign creditors could not pay its debts. Up to 2,000 people lost their jobs.

The craft of another West Midlands glass maker also captured the imaginations of commentators – that of Richardson's of Wordsley, Stourbridge.

In the Catalogue to The Industry of all Nations it was stressed that the company was chiefly famous for crystal glass "which they have carried to the utmost extent of brilliancy and purity. An examination of their contributions in decanters, wine-glasses, goblets, cream-bowls, butter-coolers etc. will at once carry conviction that in this branch of the art England excels every other country of the world. Bohemia asserts, and probably maintains, its supremacy in the manufacture of coloured glass, but it cannot enter into competition with us as regards that which is colourless".



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NEWS

Mother of lorry victim in tribute to her son

THE grieving mother of a 26-year-old who died when he was struck by a lorry in the Black Country has paid tribute to him, saying he will be 'missed forever and a day'.

Sartaj Aziz, from Brierley Hill, was knocked down in Thorns Road, Quarry Bank, on August 20.

Garret Fitzpatrick, 27, from Brierley Hill has been charged with manslaughter in connection with the tragedy.

Mr Aziz's mother was too upset to speak about her son's death but has issued a statement through West Midlands Police.

She thanked well-wishers for the support they had given her since his death.

"I would like to thank everybody for their beautiful flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers at this tragic time.

"Sartaj was 26 years old. He was highly thought of and well respected, by not only his friends and family, but the larger community in the Lye area. I was very proud of my son and he will be missed forever and a day," her statement said.

Floral tributes have been placed on a lamp post outside the Formula 1 Hand

by Heather Large

Car Wash in Thorns Road where Mr Aziz was knocked down. Friends have also set up a Facebook page in his honour and are asking for donations to cover the costs of his funeral.

Detectives refreshed their appeal for witnesses to the crash which happened at around 3.30pm to get in touch to help with the investigation.

After the crash, the dual carriageway, near the Merry Hill shopping centre, was closed in both directions while police carried out their investigations and the force helicopter circled the scene.

The route was closed for around seven hours. Fitzpatrick, of Bank Street, appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court on August 29. He will next appear at a hearing on November 7.

Singing siblings' joy



Daisy Harris, front, with her big sister Sophie, back, and Katie seen with her elder brother Thomas Withers

IT'S A real sister - and brother - act, with two sets of starstruck young Black Country wannabes reaching the regional finals of a national singing competition.

Between them, sisters Sophie and Daisy Harris and their friends Tom and Katie Withers will make up no less than three of the 20 acts aged 16 and under in the West Midlands final of the Open Mic competition at Birmingham's NEC in October. Sophie, aged 14, of Pensnett, won through as a soloist, singing her own song 'Monroe' - about Marilyn, and as a duet with 12-year-old Tom, from Kingswinford, with their rendition of Passenger's 'Let Her Go'.

Tom's eight-year-old sister Katie and Sophie's little sister Daisy, aged seven, also clinched a place in the final with their duet cover of Rihanna's 'Diamonds'.

All four are now rehearsing new numbers ready for the final at the NEC on October 5.

Awards hope for firms

A PAIR of Black Country companies are in the running for the 2013 Midlands family business of the year title.

Brierley Hill-based jewellers TH Baker and Oldbury car parts specialists David Manners Group are among the six shortlisted for the title. TH Baker, which also has stores in Halesowen, Kidderminster, Merry Hill, Stourbridge and Walsall, is also in the running in the retail excellence category in the annual Midlands Family Business Awards.

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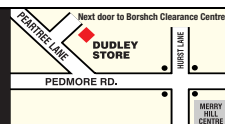
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Too early for Government to celebrate better economy

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Prices have risen faster than wages for 37 out of 38 months since the election. The odd month out was April, when bankers reaped the rewards of deferring their bonuses until George Osborne's cut to the top rate of tax came in. People earning a million got a tax cut worth on average £107,000, but an average worker will have lost £6,600 by the election.

There's lots of things the Government should be doing that they're not. They should drop the millionaire's tax cut and reintroduce the 10p tax rate instead.

They should axe Ofgem, the useless energy watchdog, and replace it with a body that has the power to force energy companies to pass on price cuts to customers.

Rail fair increases should be capped, and rip-off fees in the private rented sector should be tackled. Unfortu-



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

"Rail fair increases should be capped and rip-off fees in the private rented sector should be tackled"

nately this Government is helping millionaires and spending the next few weeks on a lobbying bill that won't benefit anyone.

ON Tuesday I called a debate in Parliament to raise concerns over the Government's decision to abolish Dudley's local TA regiment, the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry.

The regiment's A Squadron is based at Vicar Street in Dudley. The brave volunteers are a credit to the unit and their community. They do a brilliant job - not just here in Dudley but serving their country too. Earlier this year I joined campaigners to try and get ministers to think again on their plans. The Government refused to listen to us, and in July they announced that the regiment would be abolished after all to make way for a new Scottish and Northern Irish Yeomanry.

The Dudley squadron will survive, but its regimental HQ will be transferred from Telford to Croydon - over

190 miles away. I'm worried about the impact the changes could have on the long-term future of the TA in Dudley. It could be much harder for the local TA to sort out problems, get support with training and recruit new members.

The Dudley squadron is popular and has deep roots in the community. I hope that the Government will listen to campaigners and set out clear plans to safeguard its future.

LOTS of constituents have written to me about the government's proposals to tackle lobbying. I know lots of people think politicians are all the same and are out of touch, but I work hard to listen to local people and take what they say seriously.

That's why I think it's really important for people to feel like they can work with charities and campaigns to contact their MPs about issues they care about.

Unfortunately, the Government's new lobbying bill would hit charities and cam-

paign organisations that fight for ordinary people and make their views heard at the top of Government.

I'm not against regulation of lobbying. A statutory register of lobbyists is urgently needed. Serious questions have been raised about lobbying, and I think we should go even further to look at MPs with second jobs outside of Parliament.

In opposition, David Cameron backed regulation saying that lobbying was 'the next big scandal waiting to happen'. Since he's been in Government we've seen him back the wrong people time and again, and now his new bill will hit charities but leave 'big money' lobbying untouched.

It will effectively gag charities and campaigners in the run-up to the election, but would only capture a tiny minority of professional lobbyists. The result is a bill that would not stop Lynton Crosby from advising the Prime Minister on tobacco policy, but it could stop an organisation like Cancer Research UK from campaigning on plain packaging of tobacco products.

I think this is a cynical attempt by the Government to gag ordinary people, campaigners and charities that want to criticise the Government and hold it to account.

Charities, campaigners and political experts are all lining up to attack the plans. The Chair of the Constitutional Reform Select Committee in Parliament has labelled the whole thing 'a dog's breakfast'. I've voted against the plans and will be working hard to get the Government to go back to the drawing board.

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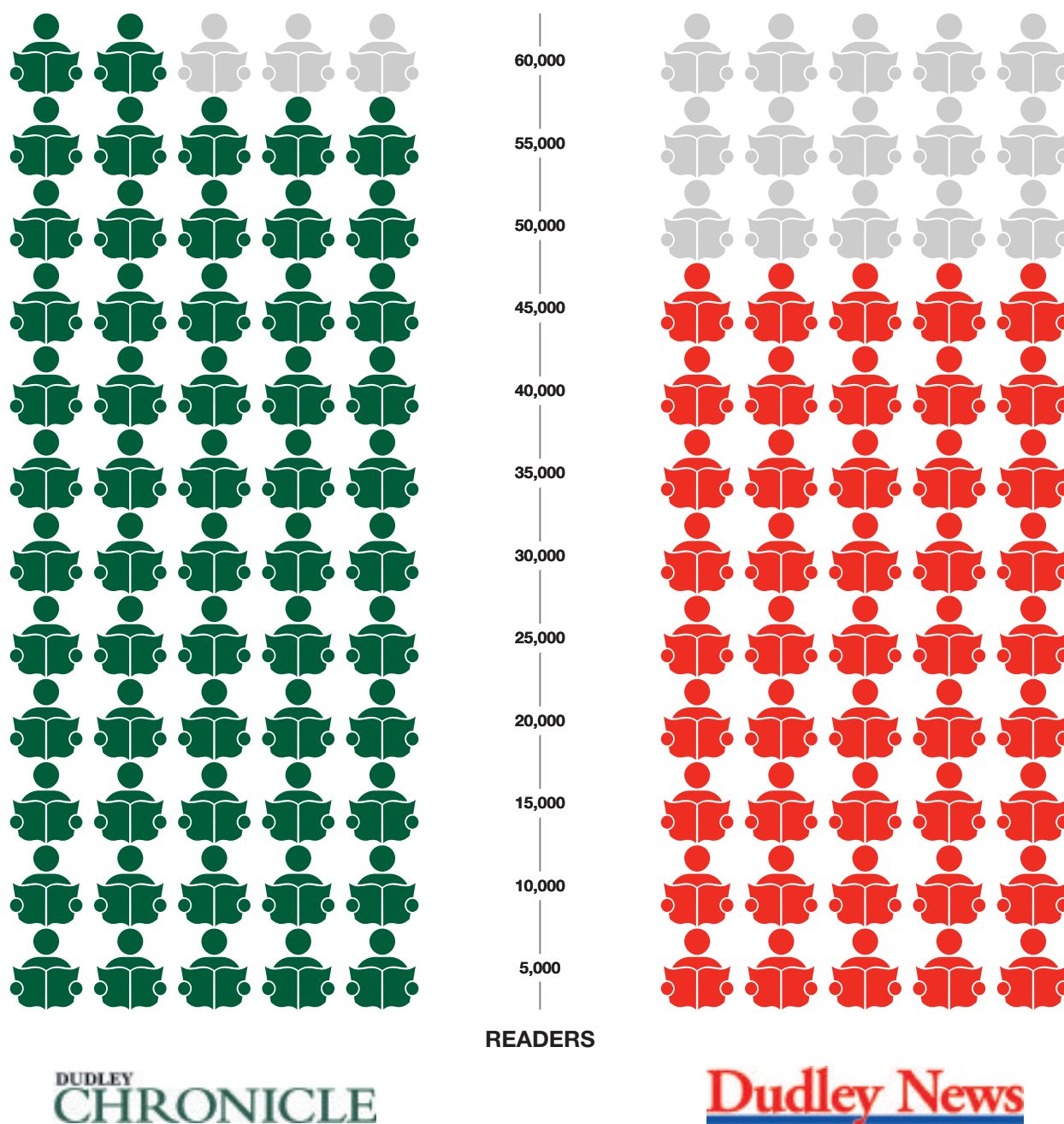
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CLUB NEWS

Edwardian days are talk topic

Search begins for Citizen of the Year

BLACKHEATH MORNING TWG

THE August 28 meeting was opened by chairman, Doreen Armstrong, who welcomed members and visitors and speaker for the day, John Billingham.

The monthly reports were given by treasurer Beryl Hartley, outings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmore and Press officer Iris Harris.

On July 29 a group of members visited the Mill at Alveley to attend the annual Lunch of West Midlands Federation. This was, as usual, a well organised event and everyone was delighted with the speaker, retired lady toastmaster Marion Canning.

Mr Billingham's subject was The Edwardian Age. As well as his talk, he showed slides, some of which were really old photographs and notes.

He talked a great deal about Queen Victoria's son Prince Edward who on the Queen's death, became King Edward VII. He married Alexandra of Denmark at the age of 18 but had a string of mistresses.

A vote of thanks was given by Beryl Hartley on behalf of members.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday September 25 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath at 10.30am. Ian Bott will give a slide presentation on Midlands' Beauty Spots.

Visitors will be made most welcome.

Black Country wit from visiting poet

MYTIME OVER 50S

AT the August meeting the club welcomed as its main speaker David Bartley, a well known Black Country poet and raconteur.

Born and bred in Tipton, his humour and forthright delivery proved to be a real source of enjoyment and revealed him to be a man of many parts; from councillor to animal keeper, an excellent mind reader, a member of Tipton's Magic Circle, even admitting to a credible belief in aliens and heavenly bodies!

The second speaker was Glen Horton from Age Concern, Birmingham. His talk was constructive and formative and dealt with the new 4G mobile services coming to this area. His comments and advice on how to deal with any problems that might present themselves were helpful and back up provision of information on telephone contacts etc in such circumstances were very reassuring. The next meeting will be on Wednesday September 25 when the speaker will be Michelle McCracker talking about the Air Ambulance service.

My Time Over Fifties meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Amblecote Room at Stourbridge Town Hall at 2pm.

W'TON LIONS CLUB

WOLVERHAMPTON Lions are inviting nominations for the 2013 Citizen of the Year.

The nominated person may have done that little bit extra to give help to someone in their daily lives, may have been involved with voluntary work, been a good neighbour, given outstanding service, time and assistance to help their community, has been involved with fundraising, or may have given their free time, help, encouragement and assistance in running a youth or school project.

To nominate someone, before October 7, write to: Wolverhampton Lions Club, Citizen of the Year, 275 Warstones Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 4LA, saying why they should be considered, give a description of the work that they have done and add any letters of support.

Add your own and your nominee's full name, address and contact number.

Tutbury Castle trip planned

WOMBOURNE 'E' TWG

THERE was no monthly meeting in August, but members enjoyed a lunch at the Wagon and Horses and a boat trip on the canal from Merry Hill. Thanks to Carole Bowater for organising both these successful events.

A trip to Lichfield and Tutbury Castle has been

arranged for October 3, details available from secretary Margaret Whatmore. Treasurer Chris Harper hosted a coffee morning which was very well attended. There were beau-

tiful cakes and a magnificent raffle. Thank you Chris for a very enjoyable morning.

The next meeting will be on September 12 when Mike Wilkes will talk about his Zimbabwe safari at 7.30pm in Wombourne Community Centre.

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What's On! *Dudley*

What's On! *Halesowen*

Chart toppers due at the Civic

LONDON-based chart-toppers Rudimental will play Wolverhampton's Civic Hall early next year.

The band's tour has seen them play Glastonbury, T in The Park, Global Gathering and Bestival. Their track Waiting All Night, sung by Ella Eyre, went straight to the top of the UK charts.

The Wolverhampton show will be on February 25 with tickets at £18.

Tull guitarist to stop off at Robin

MARTIN Barre, the former Jethro Tull guitarist, whose solo on Aqualung was voted one of the top 50 solos of all time, is to play at The Robin 2 in Bilston.

Martin's career with Tull had many highlights, including the UK number-one selling album Stand Up and Crest of a Knave earning him a Grammy award in 1988.

Since leaving the band, Martin has been working on his own music and has just recorded an acoustic album. He will be at the Robin 2 on October 10.

Marmalade toast to sounds of 60s

FANS of 60s music can head to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre for a night of live entertainment later this year.

The show will feature music from The Marmalade and Herman's Hermits, taking place on November 10 at 7.30pm. Call the box office on 01902 429212.

Pop icon returns to the 60s in Grand rock 'n' roll musical

WOLVERHAMPTON Grand is going back to the 1960s when the UK's favourite rock 'n' roll musical Dreamboats and Petticoats returns to the venue with a genuine 60s pop icon, Mark Wynter, in a starring role.

Wynter is better known as a West End stage star these days but this jukebox musical will take him back decades to his musical roots. He will be revisiting the magical time in the early 60s when he was hardly ever out of the charts. From August 1960 until the end of 1963, he had nine hit singles and spent an extraordinary 80 weeks on the chart.

In the middle of pop's greatest decade Mark made his debut in the musical Phil the Fluter at London's Palace Theatre and, in his words, fell in love with performing 'book' musicals.

He never returned to pop music but went on to have success in musicals such as Charlie Girl, Phantom of the Opera, Cats, South Pacific, Barnum, and many more, mixing them with a dramatic career that started when he starred in Barry England's Conduct Unbecoming.

Despite offers, Mark has never joined his fellow hit parade stars on any of the hugely successful 60s revival tours. "My career as an actor just took up too much of my time" he says. "And to be honest, I was never really interested in having 20 minutes in the spotlight on a revival show singing my hits."

Now he gets the best of both worlds thanks to friend and showbiz producer Bill Kenwright, who has asked him to play the father of a wannabe pop star when Dreamboats and Petticoats is staged at the Grand from Monday to Saturday.

This Saturday and Sunday the Three Phantoms - Matthew Cammelle, Stephen John Davis and Glyn Kerslake - who have all worn the mask, sing West End favourites at the Grand.

Contact the box office on: 01902 42 92 12 or see the www.grandtheatre.co.uk website.



Mark Wynter in the 60s



Mark Wynter in 2013

Emerald is a vintage pop gem

DUTCH pop star Caro Emerald's jazzy brand of swing pop and vintage glamour is in demand.

The Shocking Miss Emerald, her second studio album, continued the theme set by 2010's hit debut Deleted Scenes From The Cutting Room Floor.

Her retro-pop sound, a fun mix of vintage jazz and pop, is rooted in the past yet modern with its samples, scratching and beats.

Signature

That signature sound has proven to be a winning formula with The Shocking Miss Emerald entering both the UK and Dutch charts at number 1.

Demand was so great for her gig at the Symphony Hall on Monday, September 16, that she's back to follow up that sell-out show with a concert at the larger NIA on March 22.



Caro Emerald has a sell-out gig at Birmingham Symphony Hall

REVIEW

People, Birmingham Repertory Theatre

THE long-awaited homecoming season at Birmingham Repertory Theatre, now incorporated into the new Central Library, started with this surefire hit from the barbed pen of Alan Bennett.

People, directed by Nicholas Hytner and brought on tour by the National Theatre, is the playwright's witty polemic against the National Trust and 'heritage industry' with digs at the Church of England for good measure.

Sian Phillips, as aristocratic Lady Dorothy Stacpoole, and Brigit Forsyth as her companion, were a fine double act, huddled in front of an electric fire as the mansion mouldered around them - a remarkable set of stately decay designed by Bob Crowley. Lady Dorothy's determination to stop the house being handed over to the Trust saw Selina Cadell increasingly exasperated as her tweedy Archdeacon sister and led to a film company arriving to make a pornographic movie at the same time as the Bishop's visit. So the slow first act gave way to a frantic trouser-dropping farce in the second.

Michael Thomas gave a standout performance as the relentlessly optimistic man from the Trust, overjoyed to discover the rancid contents of chamber pots in the billiard room may be the urine of Rudyard Kipling and other Edwardian luminaries. People continues at the Rep until September 21. **LB**

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CHOICE



Pointless Celebrities
BBC1, 6.20pm
This week's edition of the unorthodox quiz is a sporting special as Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman welcome a very impressive line-up into the studio. There's former boxer Joe Calzaghe and 16-times world darts champion Phil Taylor, former England rugby union player Phil Vickery and England cricketer Ravi Bopara, 1966 World Cup legend Geoff Hurst and Paralympic cyclist Sarah Storey, and 2012 Team GB rowers Sophie Hosking and Helen Glover, who should at least have a bit of an advantage when it comes to working together.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News. Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Athletics. **2.30** Triathlon. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** That Puppet Game Show. **6.00** BBC News. Regional News: Weather. **6.20** Pointless Celebrities. With Joe Calzaghe, Phil Taylor, Sarah Storey and Geoff Hurst. **7.10** I Love My Country. Gabby Logan hosts the game show, with guests Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, Edith Bowman, Rebecca Adlington, Tiger Drew-Honey, Dan Walker and Kate Humble. **8.00** The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete to play for the money in the safe. Includes the National Lottery results. Last in the series. **8.50** Casually. Treating two brothers who became involved with a drug dealer tests Iain and Jeff's ability to get along, while Jamie realises a patient is faking it to gain his mother's attention. **9.40** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. Sarah Millican performs a headline set at the Sunderland Empire, supported by Simon Evans, Jimeoin and Imran Yusuf. (R) **10.10** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Everton v Chelsea. National Lottery Update. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.15** Weather. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.25** Film: The Three Musketeers. (1935) **9.00** Film: The Westerner. (1940) **10.40** Reel History of Britain. (R) **11.10** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** Caribbean Food Made Easy. (R) **1.15** University Challenge. (R) **1.45** EastEnders. **3.40** Wild China. (R) **4.40** Urban Jungle. (R) **5.10** Flog It! (R) **6.00** Dragons' Den. A Hull-based entrepreneur pitches an all-pink car-care range. (R) **7.00** Dad's Army. Sgt Wilson struggles to concentrate on his duties. (R) **7.30** Count Arthur Strong. Comedy, starring Steve Delaney and Rory Kinnear. (R) **8.00** Thatcher - The Downing Street Years. The documentary looks at how Margaret Thatcher stubbornly refused to stand down as the Conservative Party began to turn against her leadership. Last in the series. (R) **9.10** Mock the Week. With Hal Cruttenden, Gary Delaney and Miles Jupp. (R) **9.40** Ronnie Barker: The Many Faces Of. A profile of the comedy actor and writer, who found national fame in The Two Ronnies and Porridge. With contributions by Ben Elton, Michael Grade and David Renwick. (R) **10.40** Porridge. The inmates face a day of hard labour. (R) **11.10** Film: Starter for 10. (2006) A student in the 1980s sets out to appear on University Challenge - and woe a fellow contestant in the process. Comedy, with James McAvoy. **12.45** Film: Expired. (2007) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. **11.40** The Dales. (R) **12.10** Dinner Date. (R) **1.05** Catchphrase. (R) **1.50** Doc Martin. (R) **2.55** The X Factor. (R) **3.55** Film: Robots. (2005) **5.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather. **6.00** New You've Been Framed! **6.30** Stepping Out. The five remaining couples take on challenging dance styles including rock 'n' roll, street and Broadway as they battle to win a place in the semi-final. Davina McCall hosts. **8.00** The X Factor. As the closed-room auditions continue, more potential pop stars try to demonstrate their vocal talent and earn an invitation to Wembley Arena. Dermot O'Leary presents. **9.00** Through the Keyhole. Cilla Black and Holly Willoughby join Dave Berry on the panel as Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges them to guess the identities of the famous occupants. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** Film: I Am Legend. (2007) Sci-fi thriller, starring Will Smith. **12.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British GT. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** Come Dine with Me. Esyoma Sodje hosts the final dinner party in Darlington, hoping her Nigerian recipes and a hip-hop karaoke will impress her guests. (R) **6.45** Channel 4 News. **7.05** Double Your House for Half the Money. Sarah Beeny offers money-saving tips to a couple hoping to extend a run-down semi in Cheshire, and homeowners in Bristol who want to knock down an old shop and build a granny flat. (R) **8.00** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a project to build a miniature Hollywood Hills-style mansion in north London - a home that can only be completed by sinking half of it six metres below ground. (R) **9.00** Film: Battle: Los Angeles. (2011) Premiere. A platoon of soldiers is sent into battle against an alien invasion force that has landed on America's west coast. Sci-fi thriller, with Aaron Eckhart. **11.15** Film: The X-Files. (1998) Sci-fi thriller, starring David Duchovny. **1.30** Film: Potiche. (2010) **3.15** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.05** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.30** Sluggers. **10.55** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final. (R) **12.55** Film: Columbo: A Trace of Murder. (1997) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **2.55** Film: Police Academy 6: City Under Siege. (1989) Comedy sequel, starring Bubba Smith. **4.35** Film: Maverick. (1994) Comedy Western, starring Mel Gibson. **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth and penultimate one-day match of the series at the SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff. **8.00** Live Boxing. Kid Galahad v James Dickens. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the bout for the vacant British Super Bantamweight title at the Magna Centre in Rotherham. **10.00** Film: Unforgiven. (1992) Two gunslingers help a bounty hunter kill a pair of cowboys who attacked a prostitute. Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Gene Hackman and Morgan Freeman. Edited for language. **12.30** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. Simon and Jamie get verbal warnings. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris loses his lucky mascot. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. David loses confidence. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Snap the crocodile starts school. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.40** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who's Greatest Moments: The Enemies **7.30** Doctor Who **8.15** Robin Hood **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.30** World's Craziest Fools **10.00** Film: Anuvahood (2011) **11.30** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Avalanches **9.00** The Young Montalbano **10.50** Imagine: Tom Jones - What Good Am I? **11.55** BBC Four Sessions: Tom Jones
ITV2
5.05 Film: Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **7.00** Film: Dragonheart (1996) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** The X Factor **11.50** The Xtra Factor
ITV3
2.55 Agatha Christie's Marple **5.00** Inspector Morse **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Wire in the Blood
ITV4
3.15 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.15** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** Hornblower **10.10** Film: The Green Mile (1999)
E4
3.35 Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** Happy Endings **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Film: Epic Movie (2007) **10.45** Film: Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (2006)
Film4
3.15 James and the Giant Peach (1996) **4.50** King Solomon's Mines (1950) **6.55** Congo (1995) **9.00** Keeping Mum (2005) **11.05** The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear (1991)

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Dragons' Den
BBC2, 8pm

For those that can stand the heat from the besotted, power-dressing experts, the rewards can be huge, so let's hope some of the aspiring entrepreneurs in this show have what it takes to impress the usual suspects. They include a Norfolk couple serving up drinks for the investors. However, instead of trying to get them drunk, they are hoping to get them interested in their fruity alcohol alternative. Plus, two recent graduates bring their range of campus fashions into the den. Evan Davis keeps watch over the successful candidates and the miffed rejects.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.00 Match of the Day.** (R) **8.30 The Andrew Marr Show.** **9.30 Live Athletics.** **1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.30 Sunday Politics.** **2.45 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **3.30 Flog It!** (R) **4.15 Escape to the Country.** (R) **5.00 Songs of Praise.** **5.35 Britain's Big Wildlife Revival.**

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. A visit to the Great Dorset Steam Fair and a look at efforts to help small animals cross a road in Kent. Plus, Wales' role in the Dambusters raids.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team travels to Fountains Abbey near Ripon in North Yorkshire, where items include pieces once owned by Ronnie Barker and artefacts relating to the Nuremberg war crime trials. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 What Remains. Len becomes more determined than ever to prove Melissa was murdered – but as secrets are revealed another neighbour is put in danger. David Threlfall stars. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Southampton v West Ham United.

11.15 That Puppet Game Show. With Roman Keating and Tess Daly. (R)

11.55 Film: Heavenly Creatures. (1994) Directed by Peter Jackson and starring Kate Winslet and Melanie Lynskey.

1.30 Weatherview. **1.35 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 Film: Stromboli. (1950) **7.45 Around the World in 80 Days.** (R) **8.45 Gardeners' World.** (R) **9.15 The Beechgrove Garden.** **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** **11.15 The Incredible Spice Men.** (R) **11.45 What to Eat Now.** (R) **12.15 Sailing: America's Cup Highlights.** **1.00 Live Triathlon.** **3.45 EastEnders.** (R) **4.45 Athletics.** **5.30 Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs.**

6.30 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks. Iolo Williams heads to Pembrokeshire. Last in the series.

7.00 The Great British Bake Off. Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood test the contestants' skills once more, challenging them to prepare double-crust fruit pies, custard tarts and a showstopper made with filo pastry. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. One final lineup of entrepreneurs face the panel, including a couple hoping to win investment for their fruit beverage idea. Last in the series.

9.00 The Story of the Jews. Simon Schama explores the impact of Jews on European arts and culture in the Enlightenment era, including the illustrious careers of Giacomo Meyerbeer and Felix Mendelssohn.

10.00 Qi XL. With Noel Fielding, Ross Noble and Colin Lane.

10.45 Film: Moon. (2009) An astronaut working alone at a base on the moon discovers the disturbing truth about both the operation he is running and his own nature. Sci-fi, with Sam Rockwell.

12.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.15 Holby City.** (R) **2.15 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10 Matt Hatter Chronicles.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.50 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.00 Animals.** (R) **7.10 Animals.** (R) **7.15 Animals.** (R) **7.25 Sooty.** **7.35 Horrid Henry.** (R) **7.45 Horrid Henry.** (R) **8.00 Bottom Knockers.** **8.15 Bottom Knockers.** **8.30 Fish Hooks.** **8.45 Fish Hooks.** **9.00 Big Time Rush.** **9.25 ITV News.** **9.30 Ade in Britain.** (R) **10.30 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.30 ITV News: Weather.** **11.35 Film: Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows.** (1989) **1.35 The X Factor.** (R) **2.35 Big Star's Little Star.** (R) **3.35 Brits Icon: Elton John.** (R) **5.05 You've Been Framed!** (R) **5.35 Regional Programme.** **Weather.** **5.45 ITV News: Weather.**

6.00 Prince William's Passion: New Father, New Hope. The Duke of Cambridge talks about parenthood and wildlife conservation.

7.00 Surprise Surprise. New series. The Wanted surprise one of their biggest fans.

8.00 The X Factor. The acts compete for coveted places at boot camp.

9.00 Vera. A crime of passion is suspected when a former policeman is stabbed to death, but Vera uncovers a more complex case involving the hostile takeover of a brewery. Last in the series.

11.00 ITV News: Weather.

11.15 The Unforgettable Hughie Green. A tribute to the host of Opportunity Knocks. (R)

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.45 The Store.** **2.45 British Superbike Championship Highlights.** **3.35 Motorsport UK.** **4.25 ITV Nightscreen.** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Ironman 2013. **6.35 The American Football Show.** (R) **7.30 American Football: Hard Knocks.** **8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.55 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** **12.55 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.25 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.55 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.25 Film: Just My Luck.** (2006) **4.25 Location, Location, Location.** (R) **5.30 Film: Eragon.** (2006) Fantasy adventure, starring Ed Speleers.

7.30 Channel 4 News.

7.55 The Political Slot. Lynne Featherstone, Liberal Democrat MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, talks about her campaign to save the small independent shops in her constituency.

8.00 Hitler's Rise: The Colour Films. Conclusion. Germany's political elite allow Hitler's rapid rise to continue following the country's economic crisis of 1929, and he obtains a vote giving him full powers.

9.00 Film: Paul. (2011) Premiere. A captive alien escapes from a secret base and seeks the help of two English comic-book geeks in getting to his spaceship. Sci-fi comedy, with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost.

11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz, with team captains Jon Richardson and Lee Mack joined by guests Bob Mortimer and Adam Hills. (R)

12.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **1.05 American Football Live.** **4.45 Ironman 2013.** (R) **5.10 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Golf.** (R) **5.15 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Filli and the Flowertots.** (R) **6.25 Bubble Guppies.** (R) **6.35 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.50 Chloe's Closet.** **7.00 Milkshake! Monkey.** (R) **7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25 Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.40 City of Friends.** (R) **7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **7.55 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.25 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.40 Milkshake! Show Songs.** (R) **8.45 Rupert Bear.**

9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15 Toby's Travelling Circus.** (R) **9.25 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **9.40 Jelly Jamm.** **10.00 Power Rangers Samurai.** (R) **10.30 Sluggert.** **10.55 Monkey Life.** (R) **11.25 The Hotel Inspector.** (R) **12.25 Hustling America.** (R) **1.25 Film: Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow.** (1994) **3.05 Film: The Money Pit.** (1986) **4.50 Film: You've Got Mail.** (1998) Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

7.00 Film: Hancock. (2008) Superhero comedy, starring Will Smith.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Did You Hear about the Morgans? (2009) Premiere. Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker.

11.05 Film: Lethal Weapon. (1987) Action thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover.

1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00 Wildlife SOS.** (R) **4.20 Make It Big.** (R) **4.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.00 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.05 Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.20 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.25 The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.50 Hana's Helpline.** (R)

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DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Snog, Marry, Avoid? **7.30 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D** **7.35 Shrek: Once Upon a Time** **8.35 Film: Shrek** (2001) **10.00 Family Guy** **10.45 Bad Education** **11.15 American Dad!**

BBC Four
7.00 Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture **8.00 The Review Show** **9.00 Film: King Kong** (1933) **10.35 Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies** **11.35 The Joy of Easy Listening**

ITV2
3.10 Film: Johnny English (2003) **5.00 The X Factor** **6.00 The Xtra Factor** **7.00 Film: Uncle Buck** (1989) **9.00 The Xtra Factor** **10.00 The Big Reunion: On Tour** **11.05 Film: American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile** (2006)

ITV3
4.50 Foyle's War **7.00 Lewis.** A student Shakespeare production ends in murder. **9.00 Film: Changeling** (2008) **11.50 Wycliffe**

ITV4
10.45 Live British Touring Car Championship. Coverage of the eighth round of the season from Rockingham. **5.45 BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights** **6.45 World of Sport: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly** **7.00 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana** **8.00 Premiership Rugby Union** **9.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain** **10.00 Film: Blade** (1998)

E4
3.30 How I Met Your Mother **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **7.25 New Girl** **7.55 Film: She's the Man** (2006) **10.00 Rude Tube** **11.00 The Inbetweeners** **11.35 Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23**

Film4
2.45 Black Jack (1979) **5.00 Titanic** (1997) **9.00 Unstoppable** (2010) **10.55 A History of Violence** (2005)

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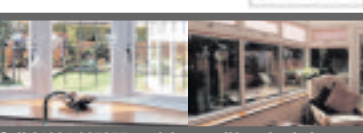
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Film Choices

MONDAY

Confetti, BBC1, 11.35pm

Three couples compete for the title of Most Original Wedding of the Year, with a film crew following the preparations. Theatre-loving Matt and Sam plan a musical marriage, naturists Michael and Joanna brave the elements for their all-nude nuptials, while fiercely competitive Josef and Isabelle warm up for a sporty ceremony. Spoof documentary, starring Martin Freeman, Jessica Hynes, Robert Webb, Olivia Colman, Stephen Mangan and Meredith MacNeill. (2006)

TUESDAY

The Return, ITV, 11.35pm

A troubled woman finds herself stalked by an obsessive ex and plagued by terrifying psychic visions of a murder. She becomes convinced she is the killer's next intended victim, so sets out to discover his identity before he can strike again. Thriller, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, Sam Shepard and Peter O'Brien. (2006)

WEDNESDAY

The History Boys, BBC1, 11.45pm

Eight unruly grammar school boys preparing to take their Oxbridge entrance exams are exposed to the contrasting teaching styles of two very different schoolmasters – the intellectually enthusiastic Hector, who seeks to instill a love of knowledge for its own sake, and the more cynical new arrival Irwin, who intends to equip them with the specific information they need to get ahead. Comedy drama adapted from Alan Bennett's play, with Richard Griffiths, Stephen Campbell Moore and Frances de la Tour. (2006)



Burn After Reading, Thursday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Burn After Reading, ITV, 10.35pm

CIA analyst Osborne Cox resigns from his job and writes a tell-all book as revenge on his former bosses. However, a computer disk containing the manuscript falls into the hands of two gym employees, who make a disastrous attempt to sell it to the Russians. Coen brothers comedy, starring Brad Pitt, George Clooney, John Malkovich, Frances McDormand and Tilda Swinton. (2008)

FRIDAY

Miami Vice, ITV, 10.35pm

Narcotics detectives Crockett and Tubbs go undercover and pose as smugglers to infiltrate a powerful drug cartel. However, the operation is threatened when Crockett becomes dangerously involved with the wife of the organisation's ringleader. Michael Mann's crime thriller based on the 1980s TV series, starring Colin Farrell, Jamie Foxx, Gong Li, Naomie Harris and Luis Tosar. (2006)

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Pick of the Week

The remaining couples make all the right moves

Strictly Come Dancing may have had its glitzy opening ceremony last weekend, but so what... until that starts at the end of the month, we're glued to this just-as-sparkly effort, Stepping Out.

There's something hugely entertaining about famous folk trying to put their best feet forward and learn a new talent (even more so when they spend half their time tripping up).

We might have known that Denise Welch and her new hubby Lincoln Townley would be the couple to provide us with the most laughs given their ability to simply giggle at themselves, while Oris Williams and girlfriend AJ Azari manage to make any challenge look effortless.

Whichever way you look at it, this has been perfect viewing for reality telly fans to bridge the gap until the incoming series of Strictly.

For host Davina McCall, Stepping Out isn't that big a step away from her recent hosting duties on Sky1's Got to Dance, and it's clear to see

she loves her job. She's in her element.

Davina explains: "I love dancing so much. It makes me so happy and I am looking forward to

seeing how the couples cope. I know it sounds cheesy but it will be interesting to share their journey. It sounds mean to say this but I like it when people have a bit of a struggle!

"The British champion the underdog, especially if that person is not in the public eye. They might be with someone who is famous but they won't be used to the limelight and that will be difficult for them."

But asked whether or not she'd trade places with any of the competing stars, it sounds like a resounding no.

"I am definitely not envious of the couples taking part on the show. I know how much work and effort goes into something like this.

What professional dancers can learn in an hour would take us normal people weeks to learn to make it look good."

For the lovely Davina, who keeps snatching brilliant gig after brilliant gig, Stepping Out caps off a fantastic year. It's been confirmed that there will be another series of the other ITV favourite, Long Lost Family, but the presenter just feels lucky to be content in both her work and home life.

"I love being able to dip in and look at the sparkles and the shiny floors of Saturday nights and then come home, put my wellies on, do some cooking and then do the school run."

Back to the dancing, and the pressure is on the contestants more than ever this week.

In this third instalment, the five remaining couples tackle dance styles including rock n roll, street and Broadway, before the Front Row give their scores.

But will Mel B, Jason Gardiner and Wayne Sleep be even more tough on them as we race towards that semi-final?

We can only be certain of one thing – by the end of the evening, one couple will have danced their last dance.



Davina McCall hosts Stepping Out, Saturday, ITV, 6.30pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

The Fried Chicken Shop
Channel 4, 9pm

When The Fried Chicken Shop: Life in a Day aired earlier this year, many people expected to sit down to a so-so comedy that played out in a similar vein to PhoneShop. However, what they were actually glued to was a one-off rather interesting documentary about the real-life goings-on of a, erm, chicken shop. Cameras have returned to Rooster Spot in Clapham, south London, for a further three-part series delving even deeper into the world of chicken and its servers. In the first episode, the shop plays host to an array of relationships and love stories. Shop workers Imran and Harris discuss their bigger ambitions and the friendship they've formed since moving from Pakistan.

TUESDAY

Live UEFA Champions League
ITV, 7.30pm

British involvement in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League gets under way this evening at Old Trafford, where Manchester United welcome Bayer Leverkusen for their Group A opener. Shakhtar Donetsk and Real Sociedad are the other teams in a difficult group to call, and David Moyes will be looking to mark his first European match in charge of United with a victory over the Germans, who finished third in the Bundesliga last season, behind Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund. The visitors are managed by former Liverpool defender Sami Hyypia and visit Old Trafford for the first time since the 2002/03 campaign.

Fabulous Fashionistas

Channel 4, 10pm

They say you should never ask a lady her age – but the six women featured in this documentary couldn't care less. Ask away – they would happily shout it from the rooftops that between them, they are an average age of 80. That's because in award-winning director Sue Bourne's film, Bridget, Daphne, Jean, Gillian, Sue and Lady Trumpington have something in common; a determination to keep going, to look fabulous and enjoy life. These women are attempting to redefine old age, and they're not going to do it with botox or plastic surgery, as so many women opt to do these days. Yep, we'll definitely have a bit of whatever it is they're having...

WEDNESDAY

Father Figure
BBC1, 10.35pm

If you could have any celeb as a surrogate dad, who would you choose? Well, after watching this new sitcom, you might find yourself plumping for stand-up comedian Jason Byrne. He stars as Tom Whyte, who looks after his two sons while his wife goes out to work. He's determined to be the best father he possibly can,

but can he do the responsible, sensible stuff as well as having fun? We're about to find out as Tom invites neighbours Helen and Brendan over for a civilised dinner party, mainly to make up for the injuries he inflicted on them at his last barbecue. But while there won't be any open flames at this shindig, there's plenty more things that can go wrong...

THURSDAY

The Wonder of Dogs
BBC2, 8pm

With almost half of British households owning a pet, and the country's canine population at around eight million, it seems there's plenty of people from all walks of life who enjoy the companionship of 'man's best friend'. But how much do we actually know about dogs? In this new series, Kate Humble and Steve Leonard present an exploration of the animals, and are joined by a team of canine experts to help them in their quest. The first episode focuses on the vastly contrasting anatomy of various species, from their different coats and colours to their hugely variable sizes. It's a dog's life!



Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Julie Goodyear, Friday, ITV, 9pm

Educating Yorkshire

Channel 4, 9pm

Teaching's a tough job, but someone's got to do it, and headmaster Jonny Mitchell, is more than happy with the work his staff are doing at Thornhill Academy in Dewsbury. In the third instalment of this heartwarming series, the focus is on two similar boys; one approaching his final year, and the other only just starting out at secondary school. Both are witty and charming, but to their teachers' frustration, don't channel their energies into learning. For Year 10 student Tom, his GCSEs are fast-approaching and his lack of commitment to his education is starting to cause concern. Meanwhile, Year 7 student Robbie-Joe's constant chatter is also a worry.

FRIDAY

Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Julie Goodyear
ITV, 9pm

For more than 25 years, Coronation Street's Bet Lynch was one of the most colourful characters on the cobbles, a big, brassy barmaid with the peroxide perm and a man-eating smile who could turn men to stone with one of those withering glances. However, Julie Goodyear's private life was as colourful as anything Bet got up to. Assorted relationships, engagements and marriages left tabloid editors rubbing their hands with glee. Little wonder Piers Morgan was keen to talk to the woman behind the soap legend to see what makes her tick. Now there's a chance to find out as Julie reflects on her career both on the Street and beyond.

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£189,950

DUDLEY Himley Road



An impressive five bedroom semi detached house set in an elevated position with amazing views. The house briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, third reception room, fitted kitchen, cellar, utility room, shower room, further bathroom on first floor, driveway to the rear, garage and garden

160,000

TIVIDALE Pine Road



A well presented two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, sun room, white bathroom suite, two good sized bedrooms, rear garden with patio area and side access to the front of the property and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this property!

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o/o £110,000

TIVIDALE Elm Terrace



A two bedroom semi detached house which is immaculate throughout and briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway and a good sized garden to the rear

£110,000 o/o

DUDLEY Sledmore Road



An extended traditional three bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms, extended kitchen breakfast room, downstairs wet room with wc, family bathroom to the first floor, garden to the rear and driveway to the front

£119,950

COSELEY Ivyhouse Lane



REDUCED BY £10000 FOR A FAST SALE. A deceptively spacious traditional two bedroom "butt" style detached house with many original features. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining room, larger than average kitchen, sun room, downstairs wc, large bathroom, driveway and an extensive garden to the rear

£124,950 o/o

TIVIDALE Hodges Drive



A beautifully presented four bedroom detached house briefly comprising lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, master bedroom having en-suite, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and off road parking.

£196,995

DUDLEY Bunns Lane



BRAND NEW HOUSE! A beautifully presented double fronted four bedroom detached house briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, downstairs wc, en suite, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and off road parking.

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DUDLEY Buffery Road



A beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, de-lightful rear garden, garage and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended!

£169,950

TIVIDALE Wakeman Drive



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£205,000

WOLVERHAMPTON



Rodway Close, Ettingshall Park

SPACIOUS, significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached in short cul de sac with views towards fields. Tremendous accommodation includes reception hall, 22ft through living/dining room, CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with fine range of 'shaker' style units & various integrated appliances, laundry/utility room, separate toilet, small study/office, gallery landing, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, large bathroom with white suite, ample parking, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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WOMBOURNE



Green Meadow Close

Occupying an extremely generous corner position upon sought after Pool House Farm, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED & ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME is enhanced by BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED SIDE / REAR GARDENS, together with TWO SEPARATE DRIVEWAYS plus a DETACHED REAR GARAGE and, internally offering BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge with separate dining room area off, stylish refitted kitchen with appliances, sitting room / ground floor bedroom, ground floor shower room / W.C., small utility room, THREE BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£187,950

COSELEY



Quilter Close, Hurst Hill

An attractive, stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached family home in short cul de sac convenient for so many amenities. There is a canopy porch, traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), kitchen with a fine range of light beech units, FOUR BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), bathroom, lengthy 19'6" garage (with utility section at rear). Delightful, sheltered, landscaped rear garden. EPC: TBA. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

SEDGLEY



Bilston Street

A gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed link-detached most conveniently situated within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloak cupboard, L-shape lounge, dining room, brick/UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy block paved gated drive, brick garage, well tended secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,000

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Lambert Court

Commanding a LARGE CORNER POSITION situated within a very pleasant cul-de-sac upon sought after Charterfields, this most ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME combines an excellent position with a SPACIOUS layout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING comprising: Reception Hall, large full width Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen with appliances, side Conservatory, THREE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. LONG DRIVEWAY plus GARAGE and frontside lawns and a generous rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£164,950

LOWER GORNAL



Milton Crescent

An attractive, significantly modernised, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured neighbourhood comprising enlarged porch, reception hall, lounge with 'living flame' gas fire, understairs store, kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms (two with an extensive range of wardrobes/cupboards), upgraded/re-tiled bathroom with white 'Heritage' suite, LARGE GARAGE (26'1" x 8'3") with utility room & further large store (former garage) beyond. Delightful, expertly tended rear garden, block paved driveway. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950

TIPTON



Sedgley Road West

A LARGE, traditional, gas centrally heated semi detached family home with an imposing reception hall, sitting room (with double doors out to garden), dining with bay (open fireplace), tremendous 21'10" breakfast kitchen with a range of 'Real' high gloss white finish units (& double french doors out to garden), cellar/terrace to the first floor, there is a landing with three generous bedrooms, bathroom & separate toilet; to the second floor, further landing with good size fourth bedroom. Block paved parking to front & delightful, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

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Moss Grove

A MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, set back beyond a VERY LARGE DRIVEWAY, providing SPACIOUS and WELL PLANNED accommodation which REQUIRES UPDATING and IMPROVEMENT, with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, large full depth 24' Lounge-with-Dining Room Area, fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, ground floor WC, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and Bathroom. With SIDE GARAGE and a good sized established rear garden. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950

PENSNETT



Tansey Green Road

With a LARGE DRIVEWAY approach and a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN, which backs onto fields, this TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOME has been SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, offering a GENEROUS LAYOUT which is WELL PRESENTED, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING/ UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Attractive Lounge, Dining Room, Study/ Office Area, LARGE KITCHEN EXTENSION, TWO BEDROOMS and a GENEROUS LUXURY REFITTED BATHROOM. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC Rating: TBA. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£134,950

WORDSLEY



Brierley Hill Road

An ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is conveniently located within this popular address, well placed for local amenities. The property offers a SPACIOUS and RE-APPOINTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom. Set back beyond the DOUBLE-WIDTH BLOCK PAVED FORECOURT and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£129,950

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Ash Crescent

An IMPRESSIVE AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE within a very popular location, providing ready to move into accommodation, all ATTRACTIVELY DECORATED and WELL APPOINTED throughout including a CONSERVATORY extension. The accommodation includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and includes: Reception hall, Attractive Lounge, Large full width Dining Kitchen with Appliances, CONSERVATORY, THREE BEDROOMS and shower room. GENEROUS FRONT DRIVEWAY and LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating - C. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

Offers in the Region Of £127,500

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Standhills Road

Very well placed within this very popular tree lined address, conveniently located for longwield amenities, this INCREDIBLY RECEPTIVE MID TERRACE FAMILY HOME requires some updating, but offers MUCH POTENTIAL to enhance the MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising Reception Hall Lounge with bay, separate formal Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, ground floor WC, THREE SUPERB SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY, low maintenance frontage with wheel chair lift access (wheel chair lift in need of repair) and enjoying a secluded low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£122,500

WALL HEATH



Blaze Hill Road

Very pleasantly located within this popular and sought after address upon the countryside fringe of Wall Heath village, this ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOME is enhanced by the DRIVEWAY to the fore and offers SPACIOUS and IMPROVED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, spacious Lounge/Diner, attractively refitted kitchen, separate Utility Room, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted Bathroom. With an attractively landscaped low maintenance frontage and BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with useful brick store. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£119,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Hilton Road, Lanesfield

A quite exceptional, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached that has been comprehensively modernised to a superb specification in convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay, transverse refitted dining kitchen (with patio doors) & a fine range of 'light beech' effect units with integrated appliances, walk in store. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, sophisticated alarm systems, block paved forecourt, delightful sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

DUDLEY



Cherry Green, Old Park Farm Estate

Enviously situated upon large CORNER PLOT, a significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly UPVC double glazed semi detached with good distant views and tremendous further potential. Superb stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, store, 20'7" through living/dining room with elegant 'American walnut' style feature overmantel & a living flame gas fire, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with walk-in wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Large (17'3" x 9'5") garage & further secure gated parking, good size garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,950

COSELEY



Berrington Drive

A Freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached in cul-de-sac just off Ivyhouse Lane conveniently situated for so many amenities, bus/rail transport routes etc. The property comprises: canopy porch (bin store off), entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, and a further store, kitchen, living/dining room, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy drive (garage space subject to regulations), and secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000

PENSNETT



Chapel Street

This well presented, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may especially appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., fabulous CONSERVATORY ADDITION, three good bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway providing ample parking, and a lengthy rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£109,950

NETHERTON



Copse Road

Displaying an extremely deceptive external style, this THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED AND WELL PRESENTED, THREE BEDROOM, INTERMEDIATE TERRACE HOME shall deserve viewing, with a GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND DOUBLE GLAZED layout seen to briefly comprise: Hall, Pleasant Sitting Room with arch to Dining Area, SPLENDID REFITTED KITCHEN in Red High Gloss, Three First Floor Bedrooms and White Shower Room. DOUBLE WIDTH BLOCK PAVED DRIVE and Landscaped Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

£109,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Norbury Crescent, Lanesfield

Just off Hilton Road, a conscientiously maintained, recently UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & mostly gas centrally heated semi detached with further potential. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, sitting, transverse dining kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom, garden. EPC: TBA. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950

GORNAL WOOD



New Street

A modernised, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally intermediate terrace in an established district convenient for all the many amenities/ facilities around the village. Accommodation includes lounge, kitchen (with patio doors to garden), landing, transverse bedroom 1, bathroom with shower, sheltered/secluded rear garden. IDEAL ALTERNATIVE TO A FLAT. EPC: TBA. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £82,000

BROCKMOOR



High Street

Enjoying a position within this established address, this REALLY QUITE SURPRISING, WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM HOME affords a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING, to briefly comprise: Pleasant sitting room, separate dining room/additional sitting room, lovely kitchen, shower room, two first floor bedrooms. Deceptive frontage and enclosed rear patio area. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£79,950

COSELEY



Yew Tree Lane

70% SHARE FOR SALE. An attractive, stylish GROUND FLOOR, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed flat (in small block - just four dwellings) within walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION and many other amenities. Vendors' 70% share available for sale (remaining 30% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental, individual front door to 19'4" lounge with well equipped kitchen section beyond (integrated oven, hob & filter), understorey store, inner hallway, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, ample parking, extensive lawned grounds. EPC: TBA

Offers around £60,000 for vendor's 70% share.

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SEDGLEY**Off Line Road, The Bungalow**

Approached from Line Road, a tremendously EXTENDED & EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed FOUR/FIVE bedroom detached family residence with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in established convenient district. Corroled from Line Road and with an automated security gate the accommodation provides, through reception hall, two 24' through living rooms, further sitting room, brick uPVC double glazed 18'4" CONSERVATORY, inner hallway, fitted shower room, kitchen, lobby, various stores and a separate toilet, two double bedrooms (both with fitted units). To the first floor are two further double bedrooms (one with bathroom en suite, and the other with further loft potential). Parking, delightful gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £265,000**SEDGLEY****Southerndown Road, Brownswall Estate**

An EXTENDED, absolutely outstanding & exceptionally well appointed, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached bungalow enviably situated on periphery of favoured development ABUTTING ONTO OPEN FIELDS with good distant views beyond. The property is in exemplary order with accommodation providing reception hall, cloaks cupboard, two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom (with white suite incorporating cast slipper bath & separate tiled shower cubicle), extended (22'4" x 14'6") lounge, extended 24ft dining kitchen with a fine range of contemporary style oak units & various integrated appliances, substantial garage with laundry/utility section beyond, magnificent landscaped gardens abutting onto & overlooking open fields. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £255,000**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! - EXTREMELY SPACIOUS - A gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached enviably situated in quiet sought after cul de sac just off The Broadway. Magnificent accommodation includes central reception hall (8'7" ceiling height), cloaks cupboard, separate dining room, through 18'6" living room, breakfast kitchen with pantry, outer lobby, utility room & separate w.c. (possibilities of alterations to create a large family kitchen?). Lengthy landing, FOUR BEDROOMS, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, delightful gardens, ample parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £255,000 NOW £248,500**Priory Close****KINGSWINFORD****Ibis Gardens**

Located within one of the largest plots within Ibis Gardens, with a private driveway approach, this LARGE & DISTINCTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOME combines a superb position with a GENEROUSly BUILT, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising Reception Hall, Large Lounge, Dining Room, LARGE CONSERVATORY, LUXURY FITTED KITCHEN with appliances, inner Hall, Guest Cloak/V.C., 4 GOOD BEDROOMS, En suite Shower Room and Refitted House Bathroom. LARGE DRIVEWAY approach, front garden, GARAGE and a GENEROUS LEVEL LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£239,950**SWINDON****LARGE GARDEN****The Holloway**

A DELIGHTFUL and SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a sought after village location with a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN, ideal for children. The accommodation is IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, WELL PRESENTED, includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and offers: reception hall, ground floor w.c., a large attractive lounge, large extended 18' + second sitting room with dining area, study/garden room, extended 18' + kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS (bedrooms one and two with wardrobes) and luxury refitted shower room. Front garden, BROAD DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and the EXTENSIVE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT SUNNY REAR GARDENS with pleasant views and seclusion. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£234,950**LOWER GORNAL****The Straits**

RECENTLY COMPLETED! A distinctive, DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated within reasonable walking distance of day-to-day shops, post office, country park, bus route & so many other amenities. The accommodation provides imposing 24'3" reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), cloaks cupboard, THREE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), bathroom, well equipped kitchen, lounge, Landscaped gardens with an imposing frontage with parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £209,950**WALL HEATH****GREATLY EXTENDED****Beachcroft Road**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a sought after location, offering GENEROUS and BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED ACCOMMODATION, comprising: Porch, Reception Hall, Large Full Depth Lounge with Dining Area, LARGE CONSERVATORY, LUXURY FITTED KITCHEN with appliances, Side Hall, Ground Floor Shower Room, Utility Room, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, re-fitted Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond the DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and to the rear enjoying a GENEROUS and PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£192,500**PENSNETT****Corbyns Hall Road**

Presented to a high standard throughout, this deceptively spacious, traditional style, extended, four bedroomed detached family home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners, and viewing is essential to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. With uPVC double glazing and a gas central heating system, the property briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, through lounge / dining room, extended and re-fitted dining kitchen, splendid conservatory addition, four good bedrooms (master with en-suite and fitted wardrobe), re-fitted bathroom with corner suite, burglar alarm, driveway, principal garage, further garage and workshop to rear, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E. Brierley Hill OFFICE 01384 265265

£186,500**SEDGLEY****Longmeadow Drive, Northway**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached bungalow requiring some sympathetic updating in favoured district where bungalows are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloaks cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, garden room, upgraded kitchen, carport, garage, gardens arranged for 'minimum' maintenance. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****Westcroft Road, Northway**

An attractive, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached enviably situated in road where properties are only rarely made available for sale. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance hallway, superb L-shape through living/dining room with oak strip floor & contemporary styled oak overmantel with a living flame gas fire, patio doors through to a brick uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen (prepared for a re-fit). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy 26ft garage incorporating a laundry area, delightful well stocked rear garden, block paved foreground. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £189,999 NOW £180,000**DUDLEY****Fairview Road**

A quite exceptional, tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED, Edwardian semi detached character occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (comb boiler) accommodation includes: reception hall, 20' sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 31' double glazed conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, tiled shower room (former bathroom). Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**SEDGLEY**

A tremendously EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enviably situated in favoured cul de sac. Stylish accommodation has been 'transformed' since initial purchase & comprises reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, outstanding L-shape breakfast kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate****BRIERLEY HILL****Baxter Road**

Pleasantly situated within this popular address, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND IMPROVED, THREE BEDROOM, LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, affords an arrangement of accommodation with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, and is seen to briefly comprise: reception hall, pleasant sitting room, generous dining room, superb kitchen, three good size first floor bedrooms and a delightful bathroom. Ample drive, and with a beautifully presented and versatile rear garden. Indeed a home which shall require an internal viewing so that full appreciation can be given. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

£169,950**SEDGLEY****Queens Road**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, EXTENDED, traditional interior semi detached of character that has been 'transformed' by vendors in recent years. Most conveniently situated in favoured 'tree lined' road, the accommodation includes reception hall, elegant sitting room with bay, pantry, dining room, extended/refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of uPVC & various integrated appliances, utility, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom. Garage, block paved parking, sheltered/secluded good sized rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

A delightful, significantly modernised & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, semi detached enviably situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The property has been significantly upgraded and briefly comprises: imposing reception hall (8'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured) with sky lights. Parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,500**HIMLEY****GROUND FLOOR****The Limes**

A MOST IMPRESSIVE and EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT which forms part of this purpose built development for those of 55 years and over, set within BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS and GROUNDS within the 'semi rural' Himley village, and still within reach of surrounding shops/amenities, offering an IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout of accommodation which is entered via a secure main entrance, comprising: entrance hall, large 18' + reception hall, superb 25' + lounge with dining room area, feature fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, both with built in wardrobes and master with en suite shower room, main bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, TWO ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES. EPC Rating B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the Region Of £164,950**SEDGLEY****Northway**

An absolutely outstanding, significantly enlarged/EXTENDED, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas radiator centrally heated semi detached presented in exemplary order throughout in favoured district. Meticulously maintained accommodation includes enlarged porch, inner hallway, L-shape through living room (lounge section with bow window & dining room section with patio doors), refitted kitchen with 'beech' effect units & many integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom with white suite, enlarged 12ft x 7'4" utility/laundry room, three bedrooms two with first quality professionally installed fitted units), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, sheltered/landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000**BRIERLEY HILL****North View Drive**

This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, new kitchen, sitting/family room, guest wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£159,950**GORNAL WOOD****NEW PRICE****Windsor Close**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Conveniently situated in short cul-de-sac just off Gurns Lane, an EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed Link detached that has been conscientiously maintained & enhanced over the years, but offering further potential. Accommodation includes: entrance vestibule, inner hallway, cottage style lounge, extended 17'9" dining room with patio doors, tiled kitchen. Three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes, and third with extensive bookshelves), reappointed/re-tiled shower room. Lengthy 21'9" garage (with automated door) incorporating storage section, tiled utility room, and separate toilet beyond. Neat garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,500**COSELEY****The Paddock**

SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached enviably situated opposite cricket ground within reasonable distance of rail/bus transport routes, etc. Much enhanced accommodation includes large entrance vestibule, reception hall, fitted cloaks/shower room, dining room, transverse 16'9" lounge, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, 23'2" garage, block paved driveway, secluded rear garden with substantial brick store. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950**SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

Tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi character enviably situated within reasonable/walkable distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garage with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**BOBBINGTON****GROUND FLOOR****Leaton Hall**

Enjoying a delightful rural setting, surrounded by beautiful open countryside upon the outskirts of Bobbington Village, this BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT forms part of this substantial and imposing converted Grade II listed Hall, including a complete billiards room, the accommodation comprising: Large Hall, large Lounge with Dining Area, attractively fitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (master with luxury en-suite shower room), beautifully appointed Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Additionally there is ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES and BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS/GROUNDS including a delightful lake. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950**LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

Conveniently situated for the village (just off Central Drive), an exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2008 having been tremendously improved by present vendor & presented in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted/half tiled cloakroom (with white suite), further store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, extensive parking to front & landscaped secluded rear garden designed to ensure 'low maintenance'. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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LOWER GORNAL**Deepdale Lane**

Deceptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been 'transformed' in recent years and the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged/updated kitchen with 'conservatory section', large store/utility room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a 'lower ground floor flat' comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom areas with a kitchen section. Neat rear garden, good distant views. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £146,250

BRIERLEY HILL**Bromley**

THIS MUCH IMPROVED AND VERY WELL PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING to comprise: Entrance Hall, Attractive Sitting Room, Dining Room, SPENDID MODERN KITCHEN with a fine range of units, Utility, Guest Cloakroom/W.C., three good Bedrooms (Master with fitted wardrobe), re-appointed Bathroom with white suite and separate Shower Cubicle. Large/entire driveway and with a pleasant Rear Garden. VIEWING ADVISED. EPC Rating: E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £139,950

BROCKMOOR**Leys Road**

Occupying a generous plot with an envious Canalside location, this immaculately presented, substantially extended, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom Semi-Detached family home has been considerably improved by the current owners, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, stylish Open Plan Lounge/ Dining Area, splendid Kitchen with a fine range of units, Guest WC, Utility, Three Excellent Bedrooms (one En-Suite), Jack & Jill Bathroom, Garage, Driveway providing ample Parking and a lovely Canalside Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£139,950

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£4,000 REDUCTION

Rangeways Road

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well placed within this popular address upon the highly sought after High Acres development, offering an ENLARGED and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Porch, spacious full depth Lounge with dining area, extended fitted Kitchen now with breakfast area, THREE BEDROOMS and classic white Bathroom. Gently elevated back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a level rear garden with full width grass lawn and attractive shrub rockery. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

COSELEY

NEW PRICE

Vicarage Road

A stylish, appreciably larger than average, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character with many period features that has been sympathetically modernised & improved in recent years. Accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall (fifty ceiling heights), store, elegant sitting room with bay, dining room, refitted/enlarged breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, ample parking, garage, garden, further potential. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £145,000 NOW £137,750

QUARRY BANK**Birch Tree Gardens**

DELIGHTFULLY SITUATED in a quiet cul-de-sac, this DOUBLE GLAZED (vast majority of units being uPVC), GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, TWO / THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and is WELL WORTH OF INTERNAL INSPECTION. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, L-shaped lounge / dining room, sitting room / bedroom three, kitchen, two first floor double bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and a mature rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£134,950

LANESFIELD**Rookery Road**

A tremendously modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow with further potential situated in an exceptionally convenient established neighbourhood. Accommodation provides entrance porch, traditional reception hall, two double bedrooms, sitting room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, reappointed bathroom with stylish white contemporary suite with chrome detailing. Off road parking (kerb dropped) & tremendous further potential. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region £129,950

COSELEY**Keats Drive**

A freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with DOUBLE GARAGE set in quiet 'backwater' just off Siddons Road. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes hall, lounge, upgraded kitchen with integrated appliances, pantry, separate dining room (with patio doors), three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, separate toilet, block paved driveway to lengthy 26'5" x 8' garage and a neat secluded rear garden. EPC D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

SEDGLEY**Whites Drive**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! Enviously situated in favoured 'backwater' within minutes walking distance of OPEN FIELDS, and day-to-day shopping amenities; a traditional, interior, three bedroom semi detached with potential upon wide plot. The gas centrally heated, part double glazed accommodation includes: porch, reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, good sized garden. PERSONAL INSPECTION IMPERATIVE for full appreciation. EPC Rating: E. BEST MAXIMUM & FINAL OFFERS TO BE RECEIVED FOR VENDORS CONSIDERATION BY THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,500

LOWER GORNAL

NEW PRICE

Summit Place

This traditional, majority double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established location convenient for local amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £130,000 NOW £125,000

NETHERTON

NEW PRICE

Amplettles Close

Enjoying a lovely position within this now established close, this VERY WELL ARRANGED, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM, NEWS STYLED HOME affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to briefly comprise: Attractive Sitting Room, Combined Dining Kitchen, CONSERVATORY, Three First Floor Bedrooms (Master with ENSUITE) and Principal Bathroom. Block Paved Drive, Garage and Easily Manageable Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£124,950

LANESFIELD**Ward Grove**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom semi detached home being well presented throughout, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units. Two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £123,950

KINGSWINFORD**Southern Close**

ENJOYING FANTASTIC REAR VIEWS, this SPACIOUS MODERN END MEWS HOUSE is superbly located upon this very popular modern development and offers an ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, attractively fitted dining kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS and bathroom with light colour suite. Benefiting from ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD PARKING and enjoying a TIERED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£109,950

COSELEY**Paul Street, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! An EXTENDED, freehold semi detached in popular/convenient district but now requiring comprehensive refurbishment. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, enlarged 16ft dining room, understorey store, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, secluded garden. EPC Rating G. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

LOWER GORNAL**The Spinney**

An EXTENDED, gas radiator centrally heated & part double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in need of some sympathetic updating set in relatively quiet cul de sac within reasonable distance of open fields, together with all amenities. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, inner hallway, kitchen, extended 23'7" living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, small garden & a brick GARAGE to the rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

WOODCROSS**Robert Wynd**

This traditional style, double glazed (vast majority being UPVC) & gas centrally heated semi detached is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & may be especially of interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, refitted, wet room/utility, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, useful loft, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01384 265265

WAS £106,950 NOW £97,500

COSELEY**Brunel Court**

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom townhouse provides surprisingly spacious living space, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining kitchen, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garden and secure gated parking to rear. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950

DUDLEY**Linwood Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroom mid townhouse is situated in an established location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite, Driveway, and lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

DUDLEY**Occupation Street**

A particularly stylish, significantly modernised, gas centrally heated, 'combi boiler' and uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace in established/convenient district. Accommodation includes: living room with bay, inner lobby with understorey store, breakfast kitchen with a range of 'Old English Cream' finish units, and a tiled lobby/utility room. Two bedrooms, reappointed/refitted bathroom with white contemporary style suite. Comparatively secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £81,500

BRIERLEY HILL**Albion Street**

This beautifully presented uPVC Double Glazed TWO BEDROOM First Floor Flat is conveniently situated for local amenities and may particularly appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: secure Communal Entrance, Private Hall, stylish Lounge, Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, Shower Room with white suite, and allocated parking. EPC Rating C. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£79,950

BRIERLEY HILL**Cooper Avenue**

This traditional style, majority uPVC Double Glazed, uPVC & gas centrally heated semi detached is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & may be especially of interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Good Bedrooms, Bathroom and Rear Garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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DUDLEY**Edenbridge View, Milking Bank Area**

50% SHARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. Enviously situated at head of cul de sac section, a gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district within walking distance of so many amenities. Vendor's 50% share available for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental) with accommodation providing entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen, store, two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, parking to front & good sized sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE £63,750 FOR VENDOR'S 50% SHARE.

DUDLEY**Moncrieffe Close**

This well presented, partially double glazed Third Floor Flat has been conscientiously maintained by the current owner and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises: Secure communal entrance, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom, allocated parking and lawned communal grounds. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£59,950

LOWER GORNAL**Five Ways Court, Lake Street**

50% SHARE FOR SALE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FIRST FLOOR flat with good distant views forming part of gated development. Vendors 50% share available for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). 'Entry phone' system to shared hall/handling with flat comprising: reception hall, superb 16'8" lounge with well equipped kitchen beyond with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated appliances. TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & white suite), bathroom. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating G. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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CATHOLIC LANE

A four-bedroom detached home of considerable style and quality that briefly comprises an elegant reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a formal dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further double bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating a double garage and impressive grounds that have been carefully landscaped to create beautiful gardens. EPC rating E

£379,950

SEDGLEY



WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

A seven-bedroom home of considerable style and character that briefly comprises a porch, a reception hall, a sitting room, a drawing room, a panelled dining room, a dining kitchen, a utility room, a garden room, a study, a cloakroom, three en-suite bedrooms, four further bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage and pleasant rear gardens. EPC rating E

£379,950

SEDGLEY



MODEN HILL

A beautifully appointed detached cottage that has recently been restored and extended and briefly comprises a spacious sitting room / reception room, a magnificent lounge, a superb fitted kitchen, a guest cloakroom, three double bedrooms, a luxury bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a driveway and attractive gardens that enjoy panoramic views of the local countryside and beyond. EPC rating C

£319,950

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A five-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a fabulous lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a utility room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden overlooking local farmland. EPC rating E

£289,950

SEDGLEY



LONGMEADOW DRIVE

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, an impressive lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, four bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazed windows, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden that extends to the side of the property. EPC rating D.

£249,950

BROADLANDS



DUDMASTON WAY

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

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MILKING BANK



BORDEAUX CLOSE

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a magnificent re-fitted breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£224,950

BROADLANDS



CHARLECOTE DRIVE

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating Bba

£224,950

SEDGLEY



CASWELL ROAD

A three bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, a conservatory, a separate sitting room/playroom, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E.

£219,950

LOWER GORNAL



LONGFELLOW ROAD

A three-bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a side verandah, three bedrooms, a shower room, an attic conversion, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£199,950

WOODSETTON



ETON CLOSE

A four-bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a breakfast kitchen, an en-suite master bedroom, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, two driveways, a carport, a garage, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden with distant views. EPC rating D.

£199,950

SEDGLEY



GOWER ROAD

A three-bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden that enjoys distant views. EPC rating E

£189,950

LOWER GORNAL



THORNLEIGH

A three/four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a separate sitting room/bedroom four, a wet room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs WC, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£179,950

SEDGLEY



LIMES VIEW

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D

£169,950

SEDGLEY



DUDLEY ROAD

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, two further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, a 35ft garage, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a delightful rear garden. EPC rating E

£169,950

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen, a garden room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a beautiful rear garden. EPC rating D

£166,950

LOWER GORNAL



HIGH ARCAL ROAD

A two-bedroom cottage style property that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a large rear garden. EPC rating D.

£144,950

HURST HILL



CATHERINE ROAD

A four-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a storage room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC Rating C.

£138,950

HURST HILL



ROCK ROAD

A three-bedroom mid terraced property that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining room, a modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a pleasant rear garden and impressive views to the front of the property. EPC Rating F.

£112,950

HURST HILL



CLIFTON STREET

A two bedroom mid terraced house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room/dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a delightful rear garden. EPC rating D.

£111,950

LARKS VIEW



RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A two-bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, allocated parking and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£106,950

SEDGLEY



NORTH ONE MEWS

A one-bedroom luxury ground floor apartment that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge / dining area, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a bedroom with a built-in wardrobe, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating communal gardens and private allocated parking for one car. EPC rating C

£99,950

UPPER GORNAL



ROCK STREET

A two-bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a separate sitting room / dining room, a fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£99,950

SEDGLEY



DUDLEY ROAD

A two-bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a verandah, two double bedrooms, a bathroom UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a rear garden. EPC rating D.

£94,950

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56 BICKFORD ROAD, FALLINGS PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON
Deceptively spacious three bedroom. Lovely Lounge, Big Kitchen. Bathroom, Conservatory. Pleasant, easy to maintain grounds. EPC awaited.
Guide: \$69,000 / \$74,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 11.00 a.m.



22 BECKMINSTER ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON
Ripe for Renovation and with great potential. Three Beds, Two Reception, Kitchen and Bathroom areas, generous Garden. EPC awaited.
Guide: \$70,000 / \$75,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 9.15 a.m.



14 LIME STREET, PENN FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON
Clean and well presented, newly installed Gas CH. Two Reception, Kitchen, smart white Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, EPC: D
Guide: \$44,000 / \$48,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 10.15 a.m.



2A THORNEYCROFT LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON
Investment Property, good location. Modern Three Bed Semi with through Lounge, Kitchen, Gas CH, garden and garage. Current income \$5,520 pa. EPC: E
Guide: \$73,000 / \$78,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 11.45 a.m.



97 MYATT AVENUE, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON
Generously proportioned and in a good location with open outlook to rear. Large Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Outside: Two Stores & W.C., lovely Garden. EPC awaited
Guide: \$90,000 / \$100,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 a.m.



73 THE LINDENS, NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON
Spacious Two Bed Second Floor Apartment with outlook across open green
Pleasant Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Garage. EPC 50.
Guide: \$54,000 / \$59,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 12.45 p.m.



HEATH LANE, off BALL LANE, COVEN HEATH
4.4 acres (est.) Freehold Land and Buildings with long frontages to Heath Lane and the Canal, currently overgrown but with much potential.
Guide: \$35,000 / \$45,000
VIEWING: BY APPOINTMENT WITH AUCTIONEERS



19 BURLEIGH ROAD, PENN FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON
Mid Terraced with Two Reception, long Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden and Garage. EPC awaited.
Guide: \$73,000 / \$78,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 9.45 a.m.



637 PARKFIELD ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON
Well situated Mid Terraced, needing some improvement. Two Receptions, Kitchen, Cellar, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Garden.
Guide: \$58,000 / \$63,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 11.15 a.m.



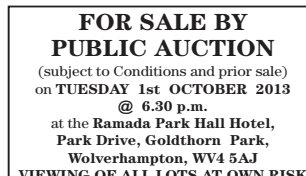
40 BEECH GREEN, DUDLEY
Well located Freehold Shop Unit in small parade in densely populated area. EPC awaited.
Guide: \$28,000 / \$33,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 12.15 p.m.



41 TEMPLE ROAD, WILLENHALL
Investment - Freehold Mid Terraced. Two Reception, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Garden at rear.
Guide: \$50,000 / \$55,000
VIEWING: SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER @ 12.15 p.m.



10 EMPRESS WAY, DARLASTON
Well presented Two Bedroomed Bungalow. Large Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Garage, lovely part walled Rear Garden. EPC awaited.
Guide: \$72,000 / \$77,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER @ 1.15 p.m.



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FLAT 10 THE LIMES £179,950
HIMLEY
•Spacious first floor two bedroom apartment
•Over 55's development
•Spacious lounge & dining area
•Delightful landscaped gardens
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING B



1 HAMPTON STREET £269,950
COSELEY
•Improved & enlarged dormer bungalow
•Four bedrooms, bedroom five/living room
•Spacious dining kitchen, study/dressing room
•L' shaped lounge & dining room
•Landscaped rear garden, two garages
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



269 NORTHWAY £245,000
SEDGLEY
•Spacious family home
•Four bedrooms
•Well proportioned accommodation
•Breakfast kitchen, conservatory
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



72 THORNLEIGH £219,950
LOWER GORNAL
•Well presented & improved detached house
•Four bedrooms with en-suite shower room
•Through living room & dining area
•Dining room/conservatory
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



6 TANGLEWOOD GROVE £229,950
SEDGLEY
•Modern and improved detached accommodation
•Three Bedrooms, fourth bedroom converted into a dressing room
•Occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac position
•Sited near to green belt countryside
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



28 SUNNINGDALE ROAD £209,950
SEDGLEY
•Link detached house with three bedrooms
•Extended & improved good sized accommodation
•L' shaped lounge & separate dining room
•Popular and convenient location
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



6 PRICES ROAD £199,995
LOWER GORNAL
•Detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Deceptive accommodation
•Ensuite shower room & utility room
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



FLAT 10 THE LIMES £179,950
HIMLEY
•Spacious first floor two bedroom apartment
•Over 55's development
•Spacious lounge & dining area
•Delightful landscaped gardens
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING B



29 CEDARWOOD ROAD £174,950
LOWER GORNAL
•Well maintained & improved link detached bungalow
•Deceptive accommodation with two bedrooms
•L' shaped lounge & dining room
•Gas central heating & double glazing
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



5 BROWNSWALL ROAD £174,950
SEDGLEY
•Semi detached house
•Three bedrooms, conservatory
•Good sized accommodation
•Two reception rooms
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



37 WESTERN AVENUE £149,950
SEDGLEY
•Traditional semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Potential for improvements
•Gas central heating & double glazing
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



19 STRATHERN DRIVE £149,950
COSELEY
•Modern semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Conservatory
•Large rear garden
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



2 CAUSEWAY ROAD £139,950
COSELEY
•Link detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Well presented accommodation
•Conservatory at rear
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING TBC



102 EARL STREET £124,950
COSELEY
•Semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Well maintained & improved
•Conservatory
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



33 KINGS ROAD £116,950
SEDGLEY
•Considerably improved mid terraced house
•Two bedrooms
•Well presented accommodation
•Gas centrally heated & double glazed
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



15 ROWLEY ROAD O/A £115,000
DUDLEY
•Edwardian end terraced house
•Two bedrooms & attic room
•Deceptively spacious
•Majority gas central heating
•DUDLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



12 FIVEWAYS COURT £103,900
LOWER GORNAL
•Modern first floor apartment
•Two bedrooms
•Well presented accommodation
•Allocated car parking space
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING B



98 STEVEN DRIVE £95,995
COSELEY
•Modern mid terraced house
•Well maintained & improved
•Two bedrooms
•Gas central heating & double glazing
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



11 GLENFERN ROAD O/A £89,950
SEDGLEY
•Semi detached house
•Three bedrooms
•Complete modernisation required
•Gas central heating & part double glazing
•SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING F



113 VIEWFIELD CRES O/A £73,950
SEDGLEY
•First floor flat
•One bedroom
•Own entrance hall
•Communal gardens
•SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

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**DUDLEY
THE BROADWAY**

A superb magnificently improved, extended 4 Bed Traditional Semi-Detached house with GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accommodation representing an outstanding opportunity for the larger family and is pleasantly situated with SUPERB LARGE REAR GARDENS in this respected address. Hall, attractive Lounge, sep Dining Room, superb REFITTED KITCHEN, 4 good Bedrooms (master with SHOWER EN SUITE), refitted house Bathroom, magnificent large Rear Gardens with FEATURE 'LODGE', Garage and Driveway for 2 cars. EPC-D

Offers around £214,950



**CLOCKFIELDS
ANSCULF ROAD**

Delightfully presented, much improved, extended 4 Bed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious GAS CH and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accommodation ideal for the larger family and is pleasantly situated on this popular development. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, superb REFITTED KITCHEN with built in oven, hob and appliances, CONSERVATORY, 4 Bedrooms (Master with EN-SUITE off), House Bathroom with shower, Garage, Driveway for 2 Cars and Pleasant Landscaped Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect. EPC-C

Offers around £189,950



**PENSNETT
ELGAR CRESCENT**

Pleasantly situated off a private driveway, this superbly presented, 3 Bed Detached by David Payne provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family. Simply must be seen. Hall, spacious Lounge, superb refitted Dining Kitchen, Laundry/Utility room with Down W.C. Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate Large Side Garage, 2 Good Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom with Shower, superbly kept low maintenance rear Gardens, side Garage and block paved Driveway for 3/4 cars. EPC-D

Offers around £182,500



**HOLLY HALL
PENSNETT ROAD**

This superbly presented, stylishly refurbished Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family and is very conveniently positioned close to Russells Hall Hospital and local amenities. Hall, Lounge, refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 excellent Bedrooms, appointed Bathroom with shower, pleasant good sized rear Gardens with pleasant outlook and driveway to the front. EPC-D

Offers around £124,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
DADFORD VIEW**

Delightfully presented Modern 2 Bed Ground Floor Flat pleasantly situated at the furthestmost end of this popular development and provides well planned Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for The First Time Buyer or Retired. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Secure Main Entrance, Hall, feature open plan Lounge with attractive Fitted Kitchen off, 2 Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, allocated Car Parking Space and maintained communal grounds. EPC-D

Offers around £67,500



**DUDLEY
QUENTIN DRIVE**

Pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and mature cul-de-sac with LARGE WELL KEPT REAR GARDENS, this delightful Modern 3 Bed Detached provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the larger family and briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom with Separate Shower, Large Side Garage, Pleasant Large Landscaped Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the Front. EPC-D

Offers around £192,500



**PENSNETT
QUEEN STREET**

Providing very spacious EXTENDED GAS CH and Upvc DG accom ideal for the larger family, this splendid 4 Bed Detached is pleasantly and conveniently positioned and briefly comprises: Large Hall, Down W.C., SUPERB 27' LOUNGE, splendid 'L' shaped Breakfast Kitchen with built-in oven, hob and integrated fridge and freezer, Laundry/Utility Room, 4 good Bedrooms, large Bathroom with shower and feature SAUNA, larger than average Side Garage, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens with feature brick built store and plentiful car parking. EPC-D

Offers around £189,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
CARDER DRIVE**

Very pleasantly situated in this popular Cul-de-sac, this delightful Modern 3 Bed Detached provides spacious GAS CENTRAL HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accommodation ideal for the young family and briefly comprises: Hall, Down W.C., spacious 'L' shaped Lounge with Dining Area, SUPERB REFITTED KITCHEN with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms (MASTER WITH SHOWER EN SUITE OFF), fitted house Bathroom, integral Garage, pleasant landscaped Rear Gardens with private outlook and Driveway for 2/3 cars. EPC-D

Offers around £149,950



**PENSNETT
CYGNET LANE**

Occupying a most pleasant position in this popular address, this superbly refurbished 3 Bed Semi provides spacious GAS CENTRAL HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED family accommodation available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Viewing highly recommended with Reception Hall, stylish Lounge, superb REFITTED DINING KITCHEN with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, stylish refitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens, detached Garage and pleasant front gardens with paved Driveway. EPC-C

Offers around £144,950



**OAKHAM
DINGLE CLOSE**

A delightfully presented Traditional 3 Bed Semi-Detached pleasantly situated just into this sought after address and providing spacious GAS CENTRAL HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED family accommodation to include: Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep Dining Area, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, SUPERB REFITTED BATHROOM with sep shower, 26' Tandem side Garage, pleasant southerly facing rear Gardens and driveway to front. EPC-D

Offers around £139,995



**BROCKMOOR
FOXFOOT DRIVE**

Superb Modern 2 Bed Semi, situated off a private driveway leading from this popular cul-de-sac, splendid opportunity for the discerning First Time Buyer. With GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING the deceptively spacious accommodation includes: Porch/Hall, spacious Lounge, SUPERB REFITTED KITCHEN with built-in oven and hob, 2 generous Bedrooms, SUMPTUOUS RE-APPOINTED SHOWER ROOM, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens, block paved driveway and additional parking space. EPC-D

Offers around £114,950



**PENSNETT
DERWENT CLOSE**

Pleasantly situated in this ever popular address, this spacious 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides GAS CENTRAL HEATED accommodation with Upvc replacement windows and represents an excellent opportunity for the young family or First Time Buyer. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious through Lounge with Dining Area, fitted Kitchen, 2 generous Bedrooms, Shower Room, separate W.C., side Garage, pleasant enclosed rear Garden and long forecourt with driveway for 4/5 cars. EPC-D

Offers around £97,000



**QUARRY BANK
WINDING MILL SOUTH**

£1500 ALLOWANCE ON COMPLETION! This well presented 3 Bed Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRAL HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family or First Time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address. NO UPWARD CHAIN PORCH, spacious Lounge, fitted Dining Kitchen, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens and landscaped forecourt with pedestrian access only. EPC-D

Offers around £96,500



**HOLLY HALL
HOLLY STREET**

Very conveniently located in this small cul-de-sac close to amenities this 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace provides deceptively spacious UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time buyer or young family and briefly comprises: Lounge, Cellarette, Separate Dining Room/ Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom with shower, 2 Good Sized Bedrooms and Enclosed Yard/ Garden with southerly facing aspect. EPC-E

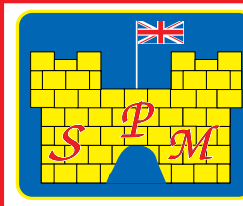
Offers around £79,950



**CRADLEY HEATH
CRADLEY ROAD**

Providing deceptively spacious accommodation, conveniently positioned in this popular and convenient address, this 2 Bedroomed End Terrace briefly comprises of:- Lounge, Dining/Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Shower Room and parking space on rear shared driveway). NO Pets/DSS/Smokers. Available Immediately. Deposit £800 EPC = F

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**WORDSLEY
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FOR SALE £129,950

Semi Detached Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, Also includes: Partial Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking and Garage.



**DUDLEY
GREYSTONE PASSAGE**

FOR SALE £249,995

Large Unusual Detached Property in Central Dudley, Hall, Large Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility, WC, Three Good Size Bedrooms, Family Bathroom with Separate Toilet, Two Lots, Two Garages, Off Road Parking, Lawned Rear Garden and Patio



**BRIERLEY HILL
DADFORD VIEW**

£395 pcm

First Floor Flat, Entry, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, • Double Glazing, Unfurnished



**UPPER GORNAL
GOODRICH MEWS**

£695 pcm

Town House, Lounge, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing



**KINGSWINFORD
PARK STREET**

£575 pcm

Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Part Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden



**DUDLEY
PEBWORTH GROVE**

£495 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens



**PENSNETT
TANSEY GREEN ROAD**

£550 pcm

Modern Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking for Two Cars, Rear Garden



**NETHERTON
PARK ROAD**

£360 pcm

First Floor Flat, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking



**TIPTON
TIPPS STONE CLOSE**

£385 pcm

Ground Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedrooms, Unfurnished, Electric Heating, Off Road Parking



**BRIERLEY HILL
ROOKERY PARK**

£595 pcm

Semi-Detached House, Fully Refurbished, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Part Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Parking for 2 Cars



**TIPTON
ANITA AVENUE**

£395 pcm

Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Allocated Parking, Unfurnished, • Electric Heating



**LANESFIELD
FARRINGTON ROAD**

£650 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Garage, Front & Rear Gardens, Unfurnished



**DUDLEY
MINEHEAD ROAD**

£560 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking



**BRIERLEY HILL
CHURCH STREET**

£360 pcm

First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking



**WORDSLEY
JOHN STREET**

£560 pcm

End Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Two Reception Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing



**BRIERLEY HILL
WALLOWS ROAD**

£540 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking



**PENSNETT
COMMONSIDE**

£450 pcm

Mid Terrace House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Gardens, NO PETS



**QUARRY BANK
EAST STREET**

£625 pcm

Three Storey Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, WC, Three Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Rear Gardens, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished



**WORDSLEY
HIGH STREET**

£515 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden



**OLDBURY
ASTLE DRIVE**

£525 pcm

Modern Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, En Suite Shower Room, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Fully Furnished



**ROWLEY REGIS
EDEN GARDENS**

£550 pcm

First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, Communal Garden



**RUSSELLS HALL
CORBY ROAD**

£500 pcm

Semi-Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Part Double Glazed, Front & Rear Garden, Unfurnished



**GREAT BRIDGE
EAGLE PLACE**

£370 pcm

Modern Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking



**KINGSWINFORD
CAVENDISH CLOSE**

£675 pcm

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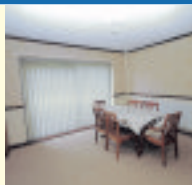
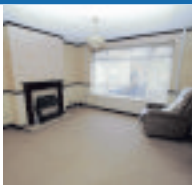
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4 Bed

St Peters Road, NETHERTON



NEW



Offering an excellent opportunity to the growing family, this semi-detached home situated upon three floors is pleasantly situated in this established location just a short walk from Bumble Hole conservation area. Comprising: Entrance porch, entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor and on the second floor are two further bedrooms. Having central heating, double glazing, block paved driveway leading to a garage and being available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, an early viewing is recommended to avoid missing out!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

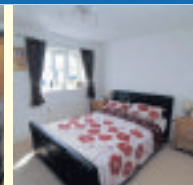
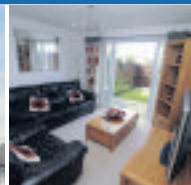
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2 Bed

Bristnall Hall Road, OLDBURY



NEW



Offering an excellent opportunity to the first time purchaser, this well presented mid town house benefits from central heating, double glazing and allocated parking to both front and rear. Comprising: Entrance hall, downstairs w.c., lounge, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom and rear garden and being conveniently situated close to most amenities and road networks, an early viewing is highly recommended to avoid disappointment!

EPC:B

Halesowen Office

£122,950

3 Bed

Winchester Rise, DUDLEY



NEW



This semi-detached family home benefits from central heating, double glazing and ample off road parking. Being conveniently situated to most amenities, it benefits from through lounge/dining room, kitchen, integral garage which is currently used for storage, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom and rear garden. Being realistically priced for a quick sale, an early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:C

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£120,000

2 Bed

Aston Road, TIVIDALE



NEW



Situated in this very popular and convenient location, this well presented semi-detached house offers an excellent opportunity to first time buyers benefitting from double glazing, central heating and ample off road parking. Being tastefully decorated in a modern contemporary style, it comprises: entrance hall, lounge/dining room, extended kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and a well tended garden to rear. Not to be missed - call now to view.

EPC:D

Halesowen Office

£114,950

3 Bed

Belle Vue Gardens, ROWLEY REGIS



NEW PRICE



This deceptively spacious and well presented, double glazed and gas centrally heated semi detached property is ideally located for local amenities such as shops and schools, Rowley Regis Train Station and motorway network links! Situated within a quiet cul-de-sac it has family sized, modern accommodation comprising of lounge with feature fireplace and patio doors leading to the beautiful rear garden with decking and landscaped lawn area. Dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Having integral garage along with off road parking, an early viewing is a must to avoid disappointment.

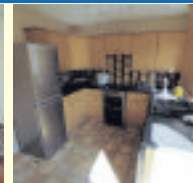
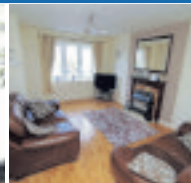
EPC:D

Halesowen Office

Offers Around
£145,000

3 Bed

St Marks Road, DUDLEY



This immaculately presented end terraced home situated at the end of this quiet cul-de-sac, with good access to all local amenities and the road network. It benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, ample off road parking, landscaped rear garden and has accommodation to comprise of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms and a re-fitted family bathroom to the first floor. An early viewing is strongly recommended to avoid missing out!

EPC:C

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£119,950

4 Bed

St Michaels Grove, DUDLEY



A modern and well presented detached family home with spacious accommodation comprising of: Entrance hall, modern fitted kitchen, dining room, lounge, conservatory, DOWNSTAIRS W.C., master bedroom with EN-SUITE, three further bedrooms, house bathroom and GARAGE. The property also benefits from a driveway to the front and attractive rear gardens. Located in a convenient location for public transport links to Dudley and Birmingham along with great access to the M5 motorway! An early viewing is highly recommended.

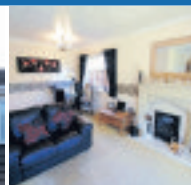
EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£189,950

3 Bed

Compton Drive, OAKHAM



This detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location in the popular and sought after Oakham district and has accommodation comprising of: Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway for a number of vehicles and a caravan, and a double garage. With reasonable offers being considered for a quick sale, an early viewing of this property is highly recommended.

EPC:E

Netherton Office

Or Near Offer
£182,000

Motoring

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Mazda makes inroads on toughest tests

By Matt Joy

IT'S hard to imagine a more punishing setting for a first drive than eastern Russia, where the surfaces are so badly maintained that a single wheel out of place can mean the end of the road.

Yet that is exactly where Mazda let me get my hands on the new Mazda 3 hatchback for the first time, as eight identical cars made their way across the widest country in the world. It's also, inevitably, where one of the cars did put a wheel – or rather two – wrong, wrecking both right-hand-side rims on a single pothole.

This was a desperately tricky place for Mazda to introduce a car. Even the local drivers along the route were strewn like cannon fodder across the roadsides, tyres flat or wheels bent, all victims of the insanely large potholes and roller coaster-esque, frequently sunken highway.

Curvaceous

So why did they do it? One reason might be that among the hordes of decades old (in design, at least) Ladas and Cold War-era vans, the curvaceous Mazdas stood out like Miss World contestants in a working farmyard. Their flowing shape, purposeful front end styling and silhouettes reminiscent of the Ferrari FF gave the convoy something that passers-by couldn't help but stare at.

The 3 continues the firm's 'Kodo' design theme, which means 'soul of motion'. The result is stand-out styling, with the exception of the curiously long front overhang (thank pedestrian safety) and the tiny 16in alloys fitted to these



The new Mazda 3 performed well on demanding road surfaces during a test drive in Russia

cars. In truth, the upgraded 18in wheels that are set to be more popular in the UK simply wouldn't have survived the disintegrating Russian roads. A long-looking bonnet and a backwards-slung passenger area give the 3 a distinctly 'shooting brake' style profile, which in turn presents a premium first impression. It's dimmed by those small wheels, though, and it needs the 18s to look right.

Things are still recognisably Japanese on the inside, with a mixture of sensible black plastics, hard-wearing surfaces and logical layouts all designed to satisfy previous Mazda, Toyota and Nissan buyers. But it's definitely a more appealing place to sit for fans of European brands, with a greater emphasis on style.

It's a subtle improvement of shapes and finishes, but it doesn't push too far in any one direction and the net result

is a very likeable interior. Some of the textures should be treated with care though, because their coarse finish naturally rubs skin away and develops (easily cleanable) pale patches.

Passengers are catered for reasonably well, with good legroom available in all seats and a light, airy feel in the front seats. The one criticism is for the heavily shaped rear bodywork, which cuts down on available light in the rear seats and makes it feel a little more cramped back there than it really is.

Behind the wheel, drivers are treated to a typically excellent Mazda driving position, partly inherited from the MX-5 sports car. It's easy to drop into the reasonably high seats, where you can then use the large range of adjustment in the seat and steering column to get comfortable and place the



An excellent driving position in the Mazda 3

gear lever perfectly, just under your hand – in this case my right hand, because the eight plucky Mazdas crossing the rough Russian terrain had been built to German specs.

The mid-range 118bhp 2.0-litre petrol engine employs Mazda's amazing SkyActiv technology to record fuel consumption and CO2 emissions scarcely believable for its type, but in this trim there's no getting away from its lack of low-down urge. A 165bhp edition is on the way, but this one is best limited to gentle running about, and is at least very quiet and smooth, with a positive gear change and nicely weighted pedals.

Arguably the most impressive aspect of the car on this first drive was the way it handled the shocking road quality. Mazda will be launching the new 3 properly in Europe only a few weeks after the Frankfurt Motor Show.

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Motoring

Renault set to charge ahead with its sleek Zoe

By John Griffiths

RENAULT managed to captivate British audiences (I suspect mostly the blokes) in the 1990s when they introduced Nicole and her Papa to plug the Clio.

The award-winning series of TV ads were so popular that one survey found the French actress was recognised by more of us than the then Prime Minister John Major!

Now they're trying to woo us with another shapely French model – Zoe. It's the company's new electric car which pushes the cause of alternative power forward in terms of technology and packaging. The name, by the way, comes from Renault's ZE (for zero emissions) division.

It has all the usual electric car attractions such as zero emissions and tax exemptions but there are some innovations, too.

Perhaps the most important is the new 'chameleon' charger which means (at the right power point) it can be fully recharged in as little as 30 minutes – alleviating the drawback of rivals which need to be plugged in overnight after 100 miles.

The second innovation is Renault's decision to essentially split the car from the batteries for sales purposes. It means buyers can get a Zoe from under £14,000 (no more than a comparable petrol or diesel hatchback) while the battery is leased from the company at prices from £70 a month, depending on mileage. That's around what most people would pay for fossil fuels, but Renault's intention is to make Zoe accessible to more customers while removing any worries about battery life and, potentially, the major cost of replacement.

Recover

Essentially it's a lifetime guarantee on the battery which should considerably help resale values. Renault also has a system in place to recover Zoe drivers if they do miss the various warnings and run out of steam.

Zoe is a smooth, sleek hatchback with a thoroughly modern, almost futuristic interior which equates approximately with the new Clio in space terms.

It drives well, too. The heavy battery pack is fitted in the centre of the car, under the seats, so it is perfectly balanced and feels surprisingly light and agile. The steering system, for example, is developed from the precise set-up used on the high performance Renaultsport models.

Because of the weight of the batteries the suspension is, according to Renault, the most robust in its car range but it has been tuned for comfort with an uprated damping system. It certainly feels very smooth and the car is, of course, much quieter than its fossil fuel rivals.

In fact Renault has given Zoe a 'voice' on safety grounds so that pedestrians can hear you coming. There's a choice of three tones – mine sounded a little like a light aircraft in the distance – which operate at lower, around town speeds. It is muted on the open road, as Renault engineers believe wind and tyre noise at higher speeds will achieve the same objective.

Zoe's motor has 87bhp (a bit less if you use the 'Eco' button to extend the range) but that also comes with a diesel-like 220Nm of torque which is available the second the motor starts to turn. The result is zippy initial acceleration which might surprise internal combustion engine rivals at the lights. Things even out later on, but it still manages to hit 62mph in a respectable 13.5 seconds. Top speed is limited to 84mph.

The Zoe's range between charges is nominally 130 miles, an improvement on some of its rivals.

Initially, Zoe buyers will have a wall-mounted charging point fitted at home free of charge. The process takes up to nine hours at a cost of around £3.30, but that can be considerably reduced if you programme it to use cheaper, night-time rates.

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Haseley's fourth is a winner for Hales

Bedworth United 0 Halesowen Town 1

BEN HASELEY'S fourth goal of the season saw the Yeltz grab all three points in a tight contest in North Warwickshire.

The first half saw few chances, a Josh O'Grady effort for the home side easily held by Halesowen goalkeeper Paul Evans being their best, with Yeltz debutant Curtis Tilt seeing a close range header miss.

A formation change for the visitors in the second period with Haseley playing as a lone striker saw them apply more pressure.

But both teams toiled once again, with Halesowen forced to look for opportunities on the break.

The winning goal came in the 66th minute when Haseley found space on the left to draw a fine save from the home keeper and the loose ball was picked up by substitute Chris Lait who returned it into the area and this time Haseley made sure.

Bedworth tried to get back into it but had to wait until four minutes from time to test substitute keeper Sam Pearson.

Evans right on cue for Open victory

REANNE Evans kicked off the 2013/14 women's snooker season with victory in the British Open.

The nine-time world champion from Dudley, West Midlands, beat teenager Hannah Jones 4-1 in the final at Whitley Bay Snooker Centre, Tyne and Wear.

Derby ace Jones, aged 17, appearing in her first ranking final, took the first frame but was unable to deny 27-year-old Evans her 33rd World Ladies Billiards & Snooker Association ranking title.

World number one Maria Catalano had pulled out of the event because of illness.

Earlier, Jones defeated her 10-year-old sister Ellie 2-0 in the Under-21 final.

Vicky Carter, knocked out 3-1 in the quarter-finals of the main event by Hannah Jones, triumphed in the Plate Competition - defeating Maureen Rowland 2-0 in the final.

Local girl Rowland, from Wallsend, came close in her second final of the day.

Yeltz impress to the nines in first match



Sarah Hamill in action for Yeltz

Halesowen 9 Wednesbury 1

IT was important for Halesowen Ladies to get a flying start to their first league game of the season.

And it seems the Yeltz crew had read the script with Haley Chatwin scoring within the first minute with a header from a cross by skipper Lyndsey Glover.

Chatwin made it two within three minutes as the defence failed to clear the ball and in form Glover got two goals within five minutes, one being a crisp volley giving the keeper no chance.

The midfield of Sarah Hamill and Tracey Haycock were control-

Halesowen Ladies

ling the game, Sian Whithall, who came on as sub, with her first touch scored with a headed flick from a corner off Sophie Richards.

Goal of the game came just before half time with Chloe Harris' 30-yard drive floating above the stranded keeper and into the net.

However, the second half was a different story Wednesbury with nothing to lose came at the Halesowen team, Girl of the game Gemma Moss was strong at the back and was giving nothing away.

Dominique McKee, another powerful centre back, was keeping it a clean sheet as the visitors were looking for a goal just for their morale.

Halesowen took the pressure well then started attacks of the own.

Haycock got a well-taken individual run, playing it around the isolated keeper.

Sophie Richards made it eight on the hour. From another corner Glover floated the perfect cross and Moss rose to head home.

Halesowen were 9-0 up, but Wednesbury to their credit still

were looking for a goal and weren't giving up. Sabrina Dale cleared the ball off the line from a rare shot on goal, but a clearance from the Halesowen defence hit one of the Wednesbury players which just happen to fall to their striker and she coolly placed it past stand-in keeper Lauren Gilbert.

Yeltz' manager Scott McKee said: "From start to finish we dominated the game the squad played fantastically. It was a joy to watch and deserved the three points which takes us to the top of the league where we intend to stay for the rest of the season."

Heathens keep form with solid home win

DUDLEY continued their magnificent form with another emphatic win - this time storming to a 60-32 victory over Buxton at Monmore Green.

In their last home meeting of the National League campaign, the rampant Heathens ensured they will finish the regular season with a perfect home record.

It was an excellent display from the former-Cradley club - yet team boss Will Pottinger was not entirely satisfied with the performance of his side.

Pottinger said: "It was another comfortable win for us and another good performance from the boys.

"We do need to try and cut the errors out if we can as we threw away a couple of points which we might not get away with in the play-offs."

Dudley 60: Ashley Morris 14+1, Lewis Blackbird 14, Paul Starke 10+1, Dan Greenwood 8+1, Gareth Isherwood 7+1, Max Clegg 5+2, Nathan Greaves 2+1

Buxton 32: Charles Wright 12, Matt Williamson 5+2, Adam McKenna 5, Lee Smart 4+1, Tom Woolley 3+1, Liam Carr 2, Ryan Blacklock 1+1
National League points: Dudley 3 Buxton 0

Pearce set to get back to business

FORMER Midlands Area Welterweight Champion, Steven Pearce, is ready to get back to business.

The 28-year old will be entering the ring for the first time since losing the Midlands Area strap to Sam Eggington back in April when he appears at the Copthorne Hotel Dudley-Merry Hill on Saturday, September 14.

After taking stock and recharging his batteries Pearce is ready to go again and insists he is a better boxer for the experience of three tough title fights in the opening months of 2013.

Pearce faces veteran Birmingham scrapper, Andrew Patterson.

Tickets are £55 including a three-course meal and VIP Ringside tables (of 10) are available at £100 per person to include a three-course meal and complimentary bottles of wine.

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Club's net gain knocks cricketing rivals for six



Ibstock Trust Secretary Angela Haymonds with committee member Paul Cartwright

BEACON Cricket Club have struck a winning partnership that will leave their rivals bowled over.

The Wombourne-based outfit now boasts stunning new nets thanks to a grant from Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust. Their previous dilapidated two-lane facility has been upgraded to a four-lane state-of-the-art training area.

Ibstock handed over a cheque for £15,000 to help fund the five-figure project while Beacon raised additional funds with various club events including a sportsman's dinner with former Middlesex and England spinner Phil Tufnell.

The new facility became a reality after committee member Paul Cartwright, approached Ibstock Cory Environmental

Tales from The Bratch

Trust (ICET) for funding. We wanted to improve and update our facilities and provide our members with a practice area to be proud of," said Cartwright, who oversaw the project.

Committee

"Thanks to Ibstock and some hard work from the club's committee and a number of members we have achieved that.

"Ibstock saw the benefit cricket can bring to a local community and we are grateful that they have supported this project to get people interested in the sport.

"The club now boasts a superb facility that is one of the best, if not the best, in the area." Ibstock Trust Secretary Angela Hay-



Angela Haymonds and Paul Cartwright with the young cricketers who will benefit

monds popped along to the Trysull Road club to officially open the nets and take part in a photocall with members of Beacon's youth section.

She said: "Cricket is a popular game and a really fun way of getting exercise and fresh air.

"I hope this new facility will see families trying cricket for the first time as well as local talent developing their skills in a game they love.

"This is just one of the many community projects Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust has funded through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

"The scheme offers funding to projects that benefit communities living within 10 miles of a landfill site.

Groups interested in submitting projects

should visit our website to find out more." On the field, Beacon's first XI suffered a 59-run defeat at home to Aldridge.

James Baikoff took 4-54 as Aldridge made 191, but the hosts were then dismissed for 132.

Teenager Zak Smith hit his second unbeaten century in three weeks as Beacon Seconds powered to a 10-wicket victory over Aldridge.

The Thirds suffered a heavy defeat at Fordhouses.

Beacon's Under-14 are targeting a Worcestershire Cricket Board trophy double.

After winning the cup competition, the youngsters booked their place in the league play-off final courtesy of a seven-wicket success at Ombersley.



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Dudley hand out the third beating

**FC Stafford 1
Team Dudley 3**

TEAM Dudley's three goals gave FC Stafford their third straight defeat.

Changes were made from the unfortunate XI that played the previous week with debuts given to Dave Cleaver and captain, Warren Slater. Andy Willacy and Sam Nicholson also received recalls.

Dudley grabbed the lead when Nicholson lost his man 25 yards out and he drove the ball into the back of the net.

The game started to flow in Stafford's favour as Sam Hollinsworth and Ryan Brown joined the fray with a change in shape.

It was a foul on Hollinsworth that provided the opportunity for Stafford to equalise. Slater's floated ball was met by Duffy who smartly headed back across goal for the industrious Willacy to hammer home.

On 78 minutes the game changed when Myles Nettleford was awarded a penalty against Slater but it was to be Steve McCabe's moment as he saved the penalty with his legs.

Almost straight after though Dudley would get their second when Stafford were caught napping and the Dudley winger arrowed home his second of the game. Stafford were soon caught again as an impressive hat-trick was completed.

Alicia gets a silver brace

A YOUNG Dudley athlete has returned from The Special Olympics with a brace of medals.

Alicia Bradshaw, from Hagley, Stourbridge competed in the games in Bath which were held over five days at the end of last month.

Bradshaw, aged 18, won an individual silver in the 100m race and a team silver in the 100m relay where she ran the anchor leg.

Bradshaw is now second in the country for both disciplines and she is waiting to hear if she will be selected for the World Games, to be held in Los Angeles in 2015. She competed as part of the West Midlands Squad. The team stayed in the student accommodation at Bath University.

Susan Boyle and Colin Salmon, now an Ambassador for Special Olympics, performed the opening ceremony in the Royal Crescent.

Tipton's shot at the cup falls at the first

Boldmere St Michaels 3 Tipton Town 1
TIPTON'S FA Vase campaign fell at the first hurdle as Boldmere St Michaels gained revenge for their FA Cup exit with a 3-1 win.

Just four weeks after playing the same fixture in the FA Cup, goals by Mark Rose, Adam Wood and Stuart Capaldi earned the home side safe passage to the next round.

Tipton will rue their inability to deal with set pieces for two of the goals, ultimately costing them the tie.

Boldmere snatched early goals in each half, taking the lead on seven minutes when Tipton failed to deal with a free-kick into the box. Joe Lyng outjumped James Pemberton

Tipton Town – FA Vase

and the ball fell to Mark Rose who drilled it through a cluster of players into the net.

To their credit, Tipton stepped up the tempo in search of an equaliser and it took some acrobatics by Dave Bevan in the Mikes goal to keep the visitors at bay.

Most impressively, on 25 minutes Bevan spectacularly denied Marvin Nisbett after good work by Ben Hadley and Calum Martin provided the striker with a chance from the edge of the box.

The shot was destined for the back of the net but Bevan did well to keep it out.

Six minutes later, Boldmere had Ricky Baker to thank after the man on the post did his job to stop Mike Perks' header from a corner.

The pressure finally did tell on 38 minutes when Danny Ashton sliced home his sixth goal of the season from eight yards after excellent work by Nisbett down the left.

It didn't take long in the second half before the lead was restored and Tipton boss Ian Rowe will be furious at Mikes' skipper Adam Wood was allowed to head across Pemberton into the net from a long Lewis Gorle free kick.

Tipton never really got going in the

second half while Boldmere, fired up by the impressive Stuart Capaldi, made their dominance tell.

On 70 minutes it took a last gasp tackle by Chris Waterhouse to deny Capaldi as he sprung the offside trap and was bearing down menacingly on goal.

But Capaldi did make it count six minutes later when he brilliantly kept the ball in play and holding off Waterhouse, finished past Pemberton.

Tipton's next game is their big FA Cup First Qualifying Round game with Kidsgrove Athletic on Saturday. Boldmere now face Norton in the next round.

Heathens need to be on guard

DUDLEY Chairman Nigel Pearson says Heathens will need to be on their guard against former favourites in the play-offs.

The former Cradley club have finished top of the National League table for the third time in four seasons and have picked Isle of Wight for the semi-finals.

Their home leg will be at Wolverhampton on Tuesday, September 24 with the return at Smallbrook on October 1.

That means a reunion with former Heathens riders including fans favourite Tom Perry.

Pearson said: "We did the double over Isle of Wight in the regular league programme but that doesn't mean we'll be taking them lightly in the play-offs."

"Part of our thing is they are also a Tuesday night track which means there is less of a risk of any fixture clashes with our Premier League boys."

"I have huge respect for the Isle of Wight management of Kevin Shepherd, Chris Hunt and so we look forward to welcoming them to Monmore Green on September 24."

"Obviously there is some added spice with our former favourites Tom Perry and Darryl Ritchings in the Islanders side."

A night out with TV pundit Taylor

TELEVISION pundit and Former world snooker champion Dennis Taylor is heading to Dudley.

Taylor will be providing an evening's entertainment on this Friday at Kingswinford Conservative Club, 24 Oak Street, Kingswinford. Show starts at 7.30pm. Call 01384 287 214.

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YOUNG TEAM GIVE GOOD FIRST SHOW

Leicester Lions 29 Dudley Kingswinford 16

THE young Dudley Kingswinford team will be on a rapid learning curve into the new season.

The club is once again having to rebuild following major changes to the team during the summer which includes a departures and retirements from last season.

On the evidence of the opening fixture and despite the score there is plenty to be optimistic.

There were no less than three of the back line under the age of 20, Harry Bayliss, Ryan Smitherman and Duncan Tomkins with three of them making their first team debut.

All of them equipped themselves very well in their first experience of National League Rugby.

Experienced

This was a committed performance from the whole team with the experienced heads in the forwards Jon Tideswell and Pete Knight leading from the front ably supported by Ed Parry Nick Murphy and Sam Pedley.

In the front row Luke Greenwood was like a dervish covering every blade of grass with his front row colleagues Rich Kelley and Steve Blackburn doing their bit too.

In the backs Jordan Brookes showed his experience probing and kicking to constantly turn the Lions and keep their defence guessing.

Gareth Bown led the line well and his new centre pairing of 17-year-old Harry Bayliss and Greg Lewis came to terms quickly with the pace of the game.

Wings Liam Marshall and

Rugby

James Jefferson worked hard all afternoon and young full back Ryan Smitherman.

In the first 20 minutes the Lions went ahead with two penalties in quick succession by their full back Jon Boden.

DK then came back into the game through Gareth Brown who converted a penalty.

At this stage DK had the bit between their teeth and centre Bayliss got a try. Gareth Bown added the extras. The Lions won a succession of quick rucks and their centre Steve Cross powered his way over and Boden added the extras.

On the stroke of half time DK flanker Sam Pedley was yellow carded so with only 14 men DK started the second half.

They were awarded a penalty 35 metres out which Bown landed to level things.

The Lions were awarded two penalties which full back Jon landed to increase the home side's lead.

A further penalty by the hosts increased their lead to 19-13 before Gareth Bown reduced the arrears with a kick. The hosts gained another penalty to increase their lead to six points.

In stoppage time Lions' Alfie Malloy scored and Boden converted.



Young Harry Bayliss shows his determination as he scores his debut try in DK's opening match of the season

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